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THE CROSS AMONG THE RUINS: Priest blesses a cross of steel beams found among the rubble of the World Trade Center by a laborer. Rescue and construction workers join the religious rites.

REUTERS

LONDON—Osama bin Laden spoke of a "major attack on America" in the days before the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks, and warned associates to return to Afghanistan by Sept. 10, according to a summary of evidence against the Saudi dissident released by the British government Thursday. (See full text of summary starting on this page.)

The release of the document moved forward the hunt for Bin Laden as Pakistan, which said it was convinced of his involvement, revealed it had an inkling on where he was hiding.

But the dossier leaves tantalizing gaps: names, sources and details have all been excised because of the sensitivity of intelligence.

The world was kept on edge, not only by growing speculation that a military attack was imminent on Bin Laden's suspected hiding place in Pakistan's besieged neighbor Afghanistan, but also by events unconnected to the Sept. 11 attacks.

They included a case of anthrax at a Florida hospital and the crash of a Russian airliner on a flight from Israel.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban were dealt a potentially fatal blow by Pakistan's announcement it had seen enough evidence to justify putting Bin Laden on trial. Pakistan is the only nation to maintain any diplomatic ties with the Taliban.

The report, which was outlined in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Tony Blair and later posted in the Internet, goes some way to answering international demands for disclosure of the evidence mounting against Bin Laden.

Blair told Parliament that intelligence gathered by Britain and its allies proved Bin Laden and his al-Qaida network had "planned and



SENTIMENTS by members of the militant group, Sanlakas, which holds a peace rally at Mendiola on Friday.

ERIK ARAZAS

Global case against Bin Laden, et al.

LONDON—The following is the full text of the summary of evidence against Osama bin Laden in US terrorist attacks, released Thursday by the British government:

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INTRODUCTION: 1. The clear conclusions reached by the government are:

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Accuser, usec swap drug raps

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL
AND PHILIP C. TUBEZA

THE CONTROVERSY over First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo's alleged misuse of sweepstakes funds has led to an exchange of accusations of drug use between the whistle-blower and a Cabinet official.

The former, Robert Rivero, and the latter, Press Undersecretary Roberto Capco, yesterday accused each other on radio of using the illegal drug methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu.

Rivero, a former consultant of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office who had accused Arroyo of diverting P250 million in PCSO funds to the election campaign of administration senatorial candidates, delivered the first blow.

He was being interviewed over dzMM about his allegation when he was asked about talk that a Cabinet member was a shabu user.

"In Malacañang," Rivero said in

ACCUSER/ A5

Gloria fears witch-hunt in PCSO inquiry

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL,
ARMAND NOCUM
AND TJ BURGONIO

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday expressed fears that the forthcoming Senate investigation of her husband's alleged misuse of funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office would turn into a witch-hunt.

Speaking at her press conference, the President also expressed dismay that the accusers of First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo should sit as judge at the same time.

"I think it's not right that the accuser is also the judge," she said, in apparent reference to the fact that opposition Sen. Edgardo Angara chairs one of the committees that would handle the investigation.

She added: "Yes, I have fears. That there would be a witch-hunt? Yes, I have fears."

What the President wants is for her husband's accusers to come out with their evidence on the alleged fund misuse and file a case in court.

"But if he is innocent, let (him) live his life in peace. I do not expect an apology from his accusers. I will leave it up to God,"

she said in Filipino.

The President also requested that "in the interest of truth," the Office of the Ombudsman look into the matter despite its earlier statement that it would not investigate the First Gentleman because he is a private citizen.

Ombudsman Aniano Desierto has actually ordered a fact-finding inquiry.

"As early as Thursday, I already ordered Ombudsman investigators to check the records of the (PCSO) to find out if there's a basis to proceed to formal investigation," Desierto said.

But he clarified that the investigation would first zero in on the PCSO. "We'll first establish the facts of the case, so the investigation

GLORIA/ A5

2 kidnappings solved—PNP RSG remnants, Chinese nationals rounded up

BY JULIET L. JAVELLANA
AND ALCUIN PAPA

THE KIDNAP-SLAY of Connie Yap Wong, sister-in-law of Uratex Foam Industries owner Robert Cheng, and the kidnapping of Jacqui Rowena Tiu, daughter of a Chinese-Filipino trader in San Fernando City, have been solved, police yesterday said.

Director General Leandro Mendoza, chief of the Philippine National Police, announced the good news during the press conference of

President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Egged on by the President, Mendoza said the mastermind in the kidnap-slay of Wong was arrested Thursday.

Mendoza noted that in both the Wong and Tiu cases, the suspects were Chinese nationals.

"This (Chinese nationals kidnapping Chinese-Filipinos) is new and significant. This is surprising and we need some research on whether these activities run deeper," Mendoza told reporters.

He said the PNP was coordinat-

ing with the Bureau of Immigration, Interpol and the Chinese Embassy for any information on the suspects, who have passports but no papers for their stay in the country.

Mendoza did not name the mastermind but he said the suspect belonged to the Red Scorpion Group (RSG).

"It's the group of the RSG but it's more likely it's the remnants of the RSG that did it," Mendoza said.

Wong and her police bodyguard PO1 Dionisio Burca Jr. were killed

2 KIDNAPPINGS/ A4

Senate ends probe of Lacson's drug links

BY CHRISTINE AVENDAÑO

THE SENATE committee on public order and illegal drugs will come up with its findings within 90 days after it wrapped up yesterday its inquiry into allegations that Sen. Panfilo Lacson was involved in drug trafficking.

On the last day of the hearing, former narcotics agent Mary "Rosebud" Ong linked Lacson and the disbanded Presidential Anti-

Organized Task Force (PAOCTF) to the kidnapping for ransom of an alleged Chinese drug triad member in March 1999.

It was the first time that Ong testified and provided evidence that the PAOCTF, which Lacson headed, had been dealing with the Hong Kong police in anti-drug operations in Manila. Sen. Joker Arroyo chided Ong for not revealing all this "much earlier."

SENATE/ A4

Abus shell Basilan capital

TOP government leaders will join the 23rd Jesus Is Lord Church anniversary celebration on Sunday afternoon at the Luneta Grandstand. The JIL has invited President Macapagal-Arroyo to attend the affair. Former President Fidel Ramos, Speaker Jose de Venecia, senators, congressmen, Cabinet members, entertainers are also expected to attend the prayer rally. "The event's theme 'God's Greater Glory,'" according to JIL Spiritual Director Bishop Eddie Villapueva, "is a declaration that God's concern for the Philippines is never diminished despite what's going."

Belgian says Pinoys' rights may have been violated

BY GERALD G. LACUARTA

A BELGIAN physician in Brussels said the human rights of some 30 Filipinos rounded up by Belgian police on Sept. 20 may have been violated, based on accounts given by some of those arrested in the dawn raids.

Dr. Bert de Belder, director of Medical Aid for the Third World in Belgium, had worked for eight years in the Philippines as a volunteer development worker. His wife, Dr. Rita Vanobberghen, is the only Tagalog-speaking doctor in Brussels.

In a faxed statement to Migrant International in Manila, De Belder said he learned of the police raid when Filipino friends in Brussels called him up on Sept. 21 asking for help.

He said he called up Jan Fermon, a human rights lawyer and expert on migrant and refugee law, who "confirmed that such an operation could only be carried out with valid warrants and with full respect for the rights of the detainees."

"Even with the sketchy report that I was able to furnish him, (Fermon) could deduce the probability of those rights having been breached," De Belder said.

De Belder said he was able to get a first-hand account of the raid from Honorato Calacapa, who said his household was awakened by loud knocking at around 5:45 a.m. on Sept. 20.

When he opened the door, a plainclothes policeman asked him for his papers. After inspecting these, the officer told Calacapa to get dressed and go with him to the police station for more questioning. The policeman gave Calacapa five minutes to wake up his wife Belen, his daughter Wena, 20; and her boyfriend Ricky Paragas.

De Belder said other plainclothes policemen did the same thing at the apartments of Editho Arnaiz and Johnny Burila in the same building.

According to the Filipinos, the policemen entered without showing search warrants. "They (policemen) were looking around, apparently for other people," they said.

De Belder said the Filipinos were taken to a police station in the Brussels municipality of Schaerbeek.

"They were not told the reason for their interrogation or if they were under arrest. They were not allowed to use the phone," De Belder said.

De Belder said Burila, who had requested a copy of the interview notes, showed him the report of the interviews, which was written in French.

"It read 'Procès verbal d'audition après privation de liberté,' which means 'Record of the interrogation after arrest.' This means they had actually been under arrest," De Belder said.

US judge junks WWII sex slave suit vs Japan

WASHINGTON—A US federal judge on Thursday dismissed a class-action lawsuit filed against Japan by Asian women, including Filipinos, seeking compensation and an apology for being forced into sexual slavery during World War II.

While acknowledging the suffering of the so-called comfort women, Judge Henry Kennedy Jr. rejected their arguments that Japan was liable in the case. Both the Japanese and US governments had argued for dismissal.

"This case focuses attention on the egregious conduct of Japan during its conquest of Asia—conduct that included sexual slavery and mass rape on an institutional scale," Kennedy said in his ruling.

Lawyers for the women filed an immediate appeal and said they planned to ask for an expedited hearing in the case.

"Without question, we are appealing," said attorney Michael Hausfeld in a statement. "Today's decision, if permitted to stand, will allow any country, anywhere, to commit crimes against humanity without accountability."

The 15 named plaintiffs in the suit were among some 200,000 women from the Korean Peninsula, China, the Philippines and Taiwan who were forced by the Japanese military into sexual slavery during the 1930s and 1940s. The military camps where the slavery occurred were called "comfort

stations" and the slaves were known as "comfort women."

They argued that a US court was the proper place for their case, but the judge, the US Departments of State and Justice and the government of Japan disagreed.

In Manila, Lila-Pilipina expressed its outrage over the dismissal of the class-action suit. "This is politicking of the US to preserve its military alliance with Asian countries, particularly Japan, especially now that it is gearing for war."

In a statement, it accused the US government of "taking a fence-sitter stance when it played a major role in orchestrating this very same war that produced these comfort women."

A US government Statement of Interest filed in the case last May recognized the "terrible suffering" of the women, but said the US courts lacked jurisdiction because Japan still had sovereign immunity from prosecution.

This was because the sexual slavery occurred when sovereigns—including the emperor of Japan—enjoyed absolute immunity from prosecution in the United States. "Under that law, Japan is immune from suit," the US brief said.

In his 25-page dismissal, Kennedy made repeated reference to the abuse the women endured. "While at these facilities, the women were repeatedly raped—often by as many as 30 or 40 men a day—tortured, beaten, mutilated

and sometimes murdered," he wrote.

However, he rejected the argument that Japan had waived sovereign immunity in agreements signed after World War II.

"There is no question that this court is not the appropriate forum in which plaintiffs may seek to reopen those discussions nearly a half-century later," Kennedy wrote.

The claims of the "comfort women" should be addressed directly between governments, he wrote.

The ruling's conclusion referred again to the need for compensation for the women: "For the foregoing reasons, this court is unable to provide plaintiffs the redress they seek and surely deserve."

Reuters

Greenpeace wins skirmish on GMOs

BY CYNTHIA D. BALANA

THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT group Greenpeace International has scored a partial victory after the multinational food giant Novartis agreed to remove all genetically modified organisms (GMOs) from its food products sold in the Philippines.

Greenpeace had revealed the presence of GMOs in a number of baby food products sold widely in Philippine supermarkets, including three products manufactured by Novartis, parent company of Gerber, in Indonesia.

In a letter to Greenpeace last week, Felix Raber, head of media relations for Novartis International, said its own investigation confirmed that soy used in the baby food products had been genetically enhanced.

Novartis promised to replace all Gerber food products being sold in the Philippines with GMO-free ones.

"We welcome the company's quick action to remove GMOs from their products sold in the Philippines," said Beau Bacongus of Greenpeace.

"Novartis/Gerber must now ensure that similar episodes of contamination are not repeated in the future in other places, particularly in the developing world," he said.

Greenpeace's earlier findings showed massive levels of genetically engineered soya in three Gerber baby food products sold here—Gerber Green Mango, Gerber Cream of Brown Rice and Gerber Mixed Fruit.

In addition, the following products analyzed by the internationally certified Hong Kong laboratory DNA Chips also tested positive for GMOs: Nestlé's Cerelac Wheat, Kellogg's Choclos Chex, Wyeth's Nursoy, Isomil (Abbott) and Farina's Hot Wheat Cereal.

New Jails chief accuses Lina of bias

NEW Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Director Josue Engaño has accused Interior Secretary Joey Lina of being biased against him in favor of his predecessor, Chief Supt. Arturo Alit.

Engaño, who was sworn into office not by Lina but by Sen. Robert Barbers last Sept. 27, said he was ignoring the "verbal order" issued by Lina earlier that day for him to yield the post to Alit, who had served as BJMP officer in charge since March.

Engaño said Lina had based his verbal order on a "supposed memorandum from Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo."

"Romulo has denied issuing an order holding my appointment in abeyance," Engaño said in his Oct. 4 letter to Lina, a copy of which he sent to the INQUIRER yesterday.

Contacted by phone last night, Lina sounded surprised that Engaño had given copies of his letter to the media.

Denying Engaño's allegations, Lina maintained he had received Romulo's "abeyance order" dated Oct. 2.

"He should check with the Office of the Executive Secretary," Lina said.

Lina said that late yesterday he had told Engaño through his (Lina's) head executive assistant Agrifino Morga that Romulo's order be "set aside" for the moment because the Quezon City Regional Trial Court is currently hearing a petition filed by Alit questioning Engaño's credentials to be BJMP chief.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who admitted she picked Engaño over another candidate for the BJMP, said yesterday she was leaving it up to the courts to determine his fate.

KURATONG MASSACRE SC has final say on Ping case

BY C. YAMSUAN

THE SUPREME Court has the final say on whether Sen. Panfilo Lacson should be tried for murder in connection with the Kuratong Baleleng massacre in May 1995.

Justice Undersecretary Manuel A.J. Teehankee stressed yesterday following a decision of a Manila judge jacking Lacson's petition to stop a preliminary investigation of the Department of Justice wants to conduct on the case.

Manila Judge Placido Marquez said the petition was moot as the Court of Appeals had already dismissed the

Kuratong Baleleng case on a technicality.

The Department of Justice however, lodged a motion for reconsideration before the high court asking that the preliminary investigation be allowed as it has discovered new witnesses who would testify against Lacson.

Lacson and his subordinates were accused of killing 11 suspected members of the Kuratong Baleleng syndicate in what appeared to be a summary execution along Mindanao Avenue in Quezon City on May 1995.

The Kuratong murder case was lodged before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court. However, no arraignment took place. The RTC dismissed the case on March 1999.

The CA ordered the Kuratong case dismissed in August, citing a provision in the law stating that the dismissal of a case in a local court is considered final after two years.

In a news conference yesterday, Teehankee stressed that the high tribunal has yet to decide on a motion filed by Justice Secretary Hernando Perez last month asking it to reverse the CA decision dismissing the case.

He added that it was only correct for Marquez to junk Lacson's petition, otherwise the judge could be accused of violating the sub judice rule.

The dismissal of the petition is consistent with court rules. Although the CA already dismissed the case, be-

cause of the DOJ's motion for reconsideration, the SC will have the final say," Teehankee said. With report by Jerome Aning

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2 kidnappings solved-PNP

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early this week after Wong refused to pay a ransom of P30 million-P40 million.

Mendoza said Wong's driver, Arcangel Barquilla, was able to identify the suspects from photographs and the police were able to "grab the suspects (yesterday) morning."

Headway

"So you see there is a very, very important headway," the President said. "And yes, it seems that there was an attempt again to start a new spate (of kidnappings) but they have been solved very, very fast. I hope that will again scare off the kidnappers," she said.

Mendoza said there were five kidnapping cases the past week and the police solved the last two.

On the Tiu kidnapping, the PNP chief said the police solved the case Thursday night after the arrest of seven Chinese nationals in raids on a safe house in Bacoor, Cavite, and a room at the Philippine Plaza Hotel in Pasay City.

"Last (Thursday) night, we conducted a raid at the Philippine Plaza Hotel and we were able to arrest five—all Chinese nationals (reportedly) from mainland China and we were able to recover the P10-million ransom intact," Mendoza said.

Tiu was released unharmed at 9:30 p.m. near the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 2 after her family paid the ransom at the Manila Hotel earlier in the day.

Tiu was kidnapped together with her mother near their home at No. 14 Martinez Road, Lingsat in San Fernando City, La Union, on Sept. 27. The mother escaped and immediately reported the abduction to the San Fernando City police.

The suspects contacted the family soon after and demanded a \$1-million ransom. This was later lowered to P10 million.

Police operatives of the PNP Intelligence Group (PNP-IG), the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (Naktaf) and the PNP Region 1 command conducted a series of operations to arrest the suspects.

At around 9:55 p.m. the other day, police raided a safe house where Tiu had been kept at the St. Joseph Village in Panapaan, Bacoor, Cavite. This led to the arrest of Zhang Du, 35 and Ocampo Jacky Sy, 23.

At around 11:30 p.m. the same day, a team headed by Senior Supt. Jaime Carlingal and Supt. Alan Purisma of the PNP-IG raided Room 467 of the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel in Pasay City and arrested the five others.

Police identified the other suspects as Jason Lim, 28; Jacky Sy aka Shi Jian Hui, 22; Aaron Chang Tin, 35; Tony Co aka Xu You Kuang, 21; and Zhang Xi Wang, 20.

Recovered from the suspects was a black sports bag containing the entire P10 million in ransom money.

Subsequent operations led police to a safe house of the suspects in Tarlac City where three firearms, a .45 cal. pistol, a .38 revolver and a .25 cal. pistol, were recovered.

All from Fookien

All of the suspects are residents of Bacoor, Cavite, and are from the Fookien region of China, according to Mendoza.

Only two of the suspects can understand Filipino, making interrogation difficult.

Mendoza said it was likely that the suspects had coordinated with Filipinos in carrying out the abduction.

"We are sure there is a local connection here," he said.

Mendoza said the PNP was looking at other unsolved kidnap-for-ransom cases to determine if Chinese nationals were also involved.

"We had neutralized quite a number of local kidnap-for-ransom groups. Now we have to look at this new angle, the involvement of foreigners," Mendoza said.

He ordered Chief Supt. Robert Delfin, PNP-IG head, to conduct a "research" on the involvement of foreigners in kidnapping and to come up with a profile of the suspects to see if they could be former drug traders shifting to kidnapping.

Businessmen, especially those of Chinese descent, have been wary of kidnappers since the death of Wong, according to Dante Jimenez of the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC).

"There's that fear all over again," Jimenez said. "They're asking themselves 'who would be next?'"

Jimenez said the fear was fanned by reports that those seeking to destabilize the government were orchestrating the abductions.

Jimenez said the spate of abductions, mostly of rich Chinese businessmen, was also aimed at "diverting public attention" from the ongoing Senate investigation of the alleged high crimes of Sen. Panfilo Lacson. With a report from Christian V. Esquerro

Senate ends probe of Lacson's drug link

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Arroyo noted that Ong had been implicating narcotics police officers Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop, Senior Supt. Francisco Villaroman and Supt. John Campos in alleged drug trafficking activities in the past seven hearings.

"(These) officers... have been absorbing the blame for drug trade here, indirectly shielding the PAOCTF," Arroyo said during the hearing that lasted more than four hours.

Ong said that she had prepared documents and that she had been waiting to testify about the PAOCTF since her second appearance at the Senate hearings. But she was not given the chance because the three police officers she implicated testified in the subsequent hearings.

Chinese government

Ong said the Chinese government asked Lacson, when he was still the PAOCTF chief, to help investigate the kidnapping of Wong Kam Chong in Manila on March 26, 1999.

Philippine government officials also asked Lacson to look into Wong's case but nothing happened. Those who wrote Lacson to request PAOCTF's help in the investigation were then Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon Jr., Philippine Consul General to Hong Kong Zenaide Collinson, Chief Supt. Romeo Peña and Chief Supt. Julius Garcia, according to Ong.

Ong said Chinese Embassy Vice Consul Ma Jie had also written and personally talked with Lacson about the Wong case.

Ong had earlier testified that Wong, an alleged member of a Hong Kong drug triad, was kidnapped with four other Chinese nationals by the group of Chief Supt. Reynaldo Acop, Senior Supt. Francisco Villaroman and Supt. John Campos. The police officers allegedly sought ransom in exchange for the release of the kidnap victims.

Except for Wong and Zeng Kang Fang, the three others were released. Despite payment of ransom by their families, Wong and Zeng were nevertheless killed by Acop's men, according to Ong.

Ong described as "strange" Lacson's designation of Villaroman as head of the team that would investigate Wong's

case when Chinese officials had already identified the then narcotics police official as one of Wong's kidnappers.

Chinese Embassy officials in Manila had attached their Oct. 27, 1999 letter to Lacson to an affidavit of Wong's wife, Queena Lao Yuet Yuet. Queena said her husband had told her who his kidnappers were. Her husband also instructed her to make arrangements for the payment of ransom.

Gemrau Acob

Ong's lawyer, Leonardo de Veyra, showed the INQUIRER a copy of Queena's affidavit in which she identified "Gemrau Acob, John Gambus and Kikou Llaroman." De Veyra said that Wong's wife, being Chinese, had misspelled the names of Acop, Campos and Villaroman.

The affidavit was attached to the Oct. 27 letter of Fu Binglai, counselor of the Chinese Embassy in Manila, and to the Oct. 12 letter of the Philippine consulate general. The letters were addressed to Lacson.

Ong said that in a meeting with Acop, Campos and Villaroman at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel on Nov. 12, 1999 they talked about the letters of Puno, Siazon, Peña and Garcia to Lacson.

"Acop asked me to lie low, go to the United States. He gave me P50,000," Ong said.

At the same meeting, Villaroman said they were "lucky" because Lacson had assigned him to investigate the Wong case, according to Ong.

Sen. Robert Barbers, chair of the Senate committee on public order and illegal drugs, said Ong's earlier testimony that she and police officials had placed Wong and other suspected Chinese triad members under surveillance somehow checked out after his committee received confirmation from the hotel where the surveillance was conducted.

Barbers said Century Park Sheraton Hotel records showed that the suspected Chinese drug triad members were booked at the hotel in the dates that Ong had provided.

Wong for instance was in the hotel starting Feb. 28, 1999.

Barbers said a certain Lee Ming Yu was also recorded as a guest at the hotel on Oct. 15-16, 1999. Soon after, Villaroman busted Lee for drugs, according to Ong.

Garganera testifies

Also corroborating Ong's testimony on the involvement of Acop's men in drug trafficking and kidnapping for ransom was Remus Garganera, a former aide of Campos.

Garganera said that Campos had entrusted him to count the proceeds of the sale of shabu that his boss and Ong had purchased from Chinese drug lords and money from the shabu recycled by Acop's group.

The witness said that from May to August 1998 he would do the counting of the proceeds of as high as P600,000 every other day.

Garganera said he had earlier thought that the money he was counting came from *jueteng*. It became clear that the money came from drug trafficking when he was asked to help in the kidnapping of Wong, Chong Hiu Ming and four other Chinese nationals.

Acop's men also kidnapped Calvin Wong, one of the men of Chong.

"I was entrusted by Superintendent Campos to watch over the victims," he said in Filipino, reading from a prepared statement. "I give them food and water and bring them to the comfort room."

Garganera implicated other police officers in the sale of shabu, corroborating Ong's testimony that the drugs taken away as evidence from drug lords or those bought from Chinese drug triads were sold locally to street pushers.

He named SPO2 Mabini Rosale, whom Ong had implicated earlier, as one of the police officers sold drugs.

Boastful

Garganera drew laughter from the audience when he said Campos had introduced him to Villaroman whom he described as "mayabang (boastful)" and "suplado (conceited)."

Asked why he turned his back on Campos, Garganera said the police officer had failed to provide him help when he was receiving death threats after Ong had said at a Senate hearing that he was involved in kidnapping for ransom and drug trafficking.

Garganera disclosed that when he was in hiding in Negros Occidental last month, he received reports from the military that he was on the hit list of the local communist group, the RPA-ABB.

Heavily armed men from the RPA-ABB were sighted on the day he was supposed to post bail in Negros Occidental, Garganera said.

He appealed to another aide of Campos, Ritchie Watanabe, to join him in helping the Senate inquiry.

"I am worried about the condition of Ritchie. I know his life is also in danger. Ritchie knows a lot and I know he can help in this Senate inquiry," the witness said.

At the hearing, Campos accused Ong of feeding his former aide with stories. Campos claimed that the men of military intelligence chief Col. Victor Corpus had picked up Garganera for an old robbery case.

Garganera insisted that Campos drafted the April 2001 affidavit he executed, belying Ong's allegations against him.

The witness said he executed a new affidavit dated Oct. 5 detailing the same testimony he gave at yesterday's hearing.

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Gloria fears witch-hunt in PCSO probe

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tion will not focus on Mr. Arroyo at this point," he said. "We can't identify people at this point. Before we can identify them, we must first get the facts of the report."

The charges against the First Gentleman aired by Sen. Panfilo Lacson in a privilege speech Tuesday have been referred to the committees on constitutional reforms (chaired by Angara) and on justice (chaired by Sen. Francisco Pangilinan).

But Sen. Joker Arroyo yesterday tagged Angara as the chief architect and "puppeteer" of the controversy.

Negativism

The President said the allegations against her husband were part of the "culture of negativism" pervading the country.

She said many "good" men had refused to enter government service because of this.

"Metro Manila is like a big gossip factory. We could do more if we put a stop to baseless speculations, gossip and pessimism," she said, adding:

"We can achieve more if we learn to trust one another, help each other and be more optimistic. Let's go on with our lives. Time is running out on us."

But Linda O. Montayre, secretary general of the People's Consultative Assembly (PCA), said the present administration was no different from the previous one.

"In terms of corruption, the Macapagal administration is no different from the Estrada administration. Corruption is even more widespread in the present administration," Montayre said in a phone interview.

She said the PCA, which helped install the Macapagal administration, had conducted its own investigation and learned from PCSO insiders that the funds were released on the First Gentleman's request.

On this basis, she said, the PCA formally asked the Ombudsman in August to investigate the matter.

"Long before Senator Lacson delivered a privilege speech, we filed a complaint with the Ombudsman calling for an investigation," Montayre said. "But (the Ombudsman) never acted on it because we are only a small group."

In Lucena City, the Southern Tagalog chapter of the militant Sanlakas urged the Senate not to be swayed by political consideration and to conduct a non-partisan investigation of the allegations against the First Gentleman.

"It does not matter if the whistle-blower is Sen. Panfilo Lacson. What is important is to satisfy the people's quest for truth. This is not the first time that the husband of the President has been reportedly involved in an illicit government transaction. Our people want to know the truth," Sanlakas-ST spokesperson Lourdes Monterey said in a statement.

Interference

In an interview with radio station dyFM based in Iloilo City, Lacson vowed to present proof that the First Gentleman had indeed misused PCSO funds.

"He is interfering with a lot of things," Lacson said in Filipino, but declined to elaborate on the evidence he said he would present.

Accuser, usec swap drug raps

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Filipino. "That's old news in our industry. I was with him when he was still a Senate reporter."

Rivero also told the program host that the official was once accosted at the airport for possession of shabu but was not arrested because a senator interceded for him.

"When he assumed his position, he continued with his use of shabu. You can ask Undersecretary Roberto Capco. Ask him if he would be willing to take a drug test," Rivero said.

Asked if he was saying that it was Capco who was using shabu, Rivero answered in the affirmative.

Capco denied Rivero's allegation in an interview over dzBB.

"That is a big lie. His lies are piling up. I can take a drug test," he said, also in Filipino, Capco pointed out that Rivero's inadvertent admission in an earlier radio interview of being a drug user showed that Rivero's charges were "hallucinations."

He lamented that Rivero once became a friend whom he trusted.

"Now he is being used by a group that we know is merely using him," Capco added. "They are the ones being investigated for involvement in the drug trade."

Rivero was once editor in chief of the Bulacan-based Luzon Pen., a weekly newspaper published by Florencio Parena and chaired by Alfredo Tiongeo, both suspected drug lords.

Grease money

PCSO board secretary Cirilo Avila said the agency would file next week at least three graft charges against Rivero for allegedly demanding grease money from media companies that had advertising contracts with the PCSO.

Avila told reporters at a press conference that Rivero had been under investigation since July because of complaints from media companies, and that five persons would substantiate the charges.

He said the charges would be filed not to get back at Rivero but added that the latter's allegations against the First Gentleman were "pure hogwash."

Avila said the allegations were "nothing but bad taste and sour-graping" on the part of Rivero, who, he said, was "forced to resign (from the PCSO) amid allegations that he was collecting commissions."

Avila named Eduardo "Dick" Sinchongco Jr., a marketing manager of VG Production, as one of the complainants in the graft cases to be filed against Rivero.

The others include a Radio Mindanao Network (RMN) commentator and a publisher from Mindanao.

In his sworn complaint, Sinchongco said VG Productions had P3 million in collectibles as of March 2001 but that it had a hard time collecting from the PCSO.

He said that while he and VG Productions owner Virgilio Garcia, also known as Jun Soler, were hav-

Lacson denied that his charges against the First Gentleman were meant to draw attention from allegations of his own involvement in such crimes as drug trafficking, kidnapping and money laundering.

"This is not a smokescreen or a diversionary tactic. I could have done that earlier at the height of the Senate hearings if I wanted to," he said.

Joker Arroyo told reporters that Angara was using Lacson, former PCSO media consultant Robert Rivero and his wife Janet, and Angara's special counsel Demaree Raval to his advantage, but had managed to keep his nose clean.

"Senator Angara acts in mysterious ways. He works behind the scenes, but never in front," Joker Arroyo said. "He just plays the puppeteer. He tried and failed with (Senate Minority Leader Aquilino) Pimentel, but he succeeded with Senator Lacson."

But Lacson denied acting according to Angara's wishes.

"Nobody can pull the strings of any senator," he said in one of the many radio interviews he conducted yesterday morning.

He added: "If that is how (Joker Arroyo's) mind works, who is pulling his strings? As for me, nobody can pull my strings. I decided for myself (to deliver the speech on the PCSO funds)."

Lacson said he was not lacking in evidence to back his allegations against the First Gentleman, but admitted that for now, he could only count on Rivero, whom he earlier called his "informant."

"We're looking for one more witness, but what will corroborate Rivero's testimony are documents," Lacson said. "He has many documents. I assure you, evidence will come out. Robert will release it."

Asked about charges that his moves were "politically motivated," Lacson said: "All the things that are done in the Senate are about politics. What they're doing to me has political color."

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach Angara for comment.

But he issued a statement saying that he had scheduled the hearing on the alleged misuse of the PCSO funds sometime next week. He promised that it would be a "fair, non-partisan and fully transparent" inquiry.

No apology

Asked by radio dyFM to comment on the statement of the President's spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao that he should apologize if he failed to present evidence to back his claims, Lacson said: "Why should I apologize for exposing corruption under the administration? They should be the one to apologize to more than 70 million Filipinos."

Lacson also lashed out at Joker Arroyo, who had announced that he would not back down if a fight were what the opposition wanted.

"Sanay din ako sa basag-ulo (I am also used to rumbles)," Lacson declared.

The PCA's Montayre did not mince words in criticizing Ms Macapagal: "If the President knows nothing about these charges, then she has no business being President. But if she knows something, what is she doing about it? She should do everything within her power to get to the bottom of this."

ing coffee at the Makati Shangri-La, Rivero called Garcia by mobile phone and promised to facilitate the release of the P3 million in exchange for 15 percent of the amount.

Sinchongco said that his office was forced to agree to Rivero's demand, and that Garcia gave Rivero a check for P200,000 toward the end of April as partial payment.

He said Garcia requested Rivero to sign a voucher for the check but that the latter refused.

Rivero subsequently complained about having problems with the check, and so Garcia cashed it and gave the money to Rivero, Sinchongco said.

In his sworn statement, the RMN commentator said Rivero suggested that he submit a P100,000-a-month sponsorship proposal to the PCSO for his radio program.

To facilitate its approval, Rivero allegedly demanded half of the amount.

No pressure

Avila said Rivero would be charged because of these complaints and not because Malacañang had pressured the PCSO to go after him.

According to Avila, the PCSO began receiving complaints about Rivero on the last week of July, and the investigation started the following week.

He said they were unable to immediately nail Rivero because they needed to collect all the evidence and be assured that the complainants were willing to come forward.

PCSO media consultant Ed Malay said Rivero got involved in the review of the agency's advertising programs even when he was just a consultant.

"He represented himself as having come from the group of First Gentleman Mike Arroyo. That's why he was able to move around as he did," Malay said.

At one point, Malay said, Rivero claimed that Arroyo was his *ningong* (godfather).

Malay said the PCSO would review its advertising fund for next year and focus more on providing basic services to the needy rather than going on media campaigns.

He also assailed the political opposition for the controversy, and said there was "a more sinister plan behind" Sen. Panfilo Lacson's privilege speech Tuesday on Arroyo's alleged misuse of PCSO funds.

"It is a part of a large media blitz to discredit the administration," Malay said, adding that it was also meant to deflect public attention from Lacson's alleged crimes and the plunder case against deposed President Joseph Estrada.

Avila also said that it was not possible for Arroyo to use the PCSO's P250 million because its funds were carefully audited.

He said the PCSO should be spared "the political grandstanding of Lacson, who himself is being linked to numerous irregularities."

"The political quibbles and unsubstantiated accusations from questionable quarters, such as the allegations of Rivero, should not be given any importance," Avila said.

Apart from the supposed PCSO fund misuse, Montayre said the PCA also had reliable information on the First Gentleman's alleged involvement in other anomalies, including the telecommunications franchise scandal in August.

"We made our own investigation on these (corruption charges against Mr. Arroyo) and we were appalled by what we found," she said. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac in Manila; Nestor P. Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas Bureau; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Gloria orders cut in gov't ad budgets

BY MARTIN P. MARFIL

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said she was considering a slash in the advertising budgets of all government agencies, including the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

She said the cut in the PCSO budget would be implemented next year, and the savings to be generated would go to helping the poor.

"The best advertising is service and

the (PCSO's) priority is to help the poor," she said in Filipino.

The President said she was assigning Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo to study the possible budget cuts of all government-owned and controlled corporations, with the end in view of using the resultant savings for the "improvement of public service."

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Center of turbulence

THE PHILIPPINE Senate has been transformed into an unaccustomed role of being the main arena of political demolition rather than a forum for mature deliberation on legislation. Traditionally, the House of Representatives has been the venue of rough-and-tumble encounters arising from the clash of varied parochial interests. But in view of the developments since the new Congress began its session, the Senate has overshadowed the House as the epicenter of political turbulence.

EDITORIAL

The Senate hearings on the money laundering, drug dealing, kidnapping and other charges laid against Sen. Panfilo Lacson by Col. Victor Corpus, chief of the military intelligence service, are not done yet but Lacson has already mounted a counteroffensive, charging Justice Secretary Hernando Perez with graft and corruption and money laundering and First Gentleman Miguel Arroyo with dipping into sweepstakes funds to finance the election expenses of some administration senatorial candidates. Whether or not Lacson will be damned by the introduction of new evidence supporting the charges, Lacson has opened a new front, the effect of which is to draw the heat away from him and to put the administration on the defensive.

The broad sweep of Lacson's barrage has drawn Sen. Joker Arroyo and Senate Majority Leader Aquilino Pimentel into the melee. Arroyo took offense at Lacson's privileged speech, linking his nephew, Jack Arroyo, and Manny Estrella, as part of Miguel Arroyo's "Department of the Underground" that used P250 million from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to finance the media campaign of unnamed four candidates. The senator shot holes into the charges with the disclosure that his nephew was not in Manila during the campaign as he was in the United States to accompany his ailing wife who was seeking medical treatment.

Curiously Lacson's privilege speech contained suspiciously similar materials to those in a draft speech prepared by people close to him and peddled to Pimentel and Sen. Edgardo Angara for delivery. Being experienced senators, the two must have smelled a rat and probably suspected that they would be used to amplify Lacson's offensive. They dropped the draft like live coal. The drafts were leaked to some papers, which swallowed the bait and published the alleged speech.

The rejection led to the discovery that indeed, there's a group inside the opposition engaged in the production of material designed to embarrass the Macapagal administration. If Lacson has demanded evidence to substantiate the charges against him, the same standard was demanded of him when he fired the charges against Perez and the President's husband. The Senate shouldn't be the arena for unleashing information that poisons the political atmosphere.

Before Lacson's privilege speech, and during the Senate hearings on the charges against him, the senators had observed the unwritten rule of not attacking one another out of courtesy. Lacson's tirades, while ostensibly aimed at Miguel Arroyo and Perez, who are both non-members of the Senate, shafted Joker Arroyo, and worse, tried, through dirty tricks to drag Pimentel into the controversy. Pimentel has revealed that the PCSO case was brought to his attention by Robert Rivero, a former consultant at the PCSO. Rivero's wife is Lacson's media consultant. This, among other things, made Pimentel suspicious. Pimentel said he asked Rivero to back his information with affidavits, which Rivero never did. Also, Pimentel said he was afraid Rivero might back off in a crunch, leaving him in the lurch.

Rivero came back with a cheap shot. He said that "my sources (which he did not name) in Malacañang told me that Pimentel was pressured by Malacañang" not to go ahead with the exposé. Rivero has also admitted he took the case to Angara, Rivero's godfather at his wedding, hoping that Angara's law firm, Accra, would help him. Apparently, Angara saw through the ruse and didn't touch it.

Now Rivero has compounded his troubles. Pimentel is a maverick who bristles at any suggestion that he has compromised his independence. He has found another enemy by accusing Pimentel of bowing to Palace pressure.

Lacson's big mistake is in opening warfare with his colleagues. His idea of his role as senator apparently is to use parliamentary immunity as a platform to fire even blanks to say himself from the charges that are tightening around him. Joker Arroyo, a more experienced parliamentarian, has warned Lacson against using the Senate as a refuge from possible criminal action.

IN AN ANNIVERSARY lecture I delivered at the MLQ University some years ago, I observed that there were many instances when due process was blamed for judicial acts that on their face raised some doubts in the public mind. However, a closer examination revealed that, far from being corrupt or erroneous, such acts were entirely proper and done only in obedience to the great constitutional guaranty.

That guaranty is embodied in Art. III, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, providing that "no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law," and Sec. 14, providing that "no person shall be held to answer for a criminal offense without due process of law."

According to Justice Winslow, "The political or philosophical aphorism of one generation is doubted by the next and entirely discarded by the third. The race moves forward constantly, and no Canute can stay its progress." That is why due process is intentionally not defined in the Constitution. The framers wanted to give the courts the necessary latitude in interpreting it in light of the circumstances surrounding each case and the conditions obtaining in the evolving generations.

Due process is the antidote to official arbitrariness. Justice Frankfurter has described it as "nothing more and nothing less than the sporting idea of fair play." If a person is deprived of a right, whatever its source, whether it be the Constitution itself or a statute or even only a local ordinance, he is denied due process.

The guaranty has two aspects: substantive and procedural. A law intrinsically oppressive, such as one imposing the death penalty for a minor offense, violates substantive due process. The essence of procedural due process is distilled in the immortal cry of Themistocles to Alcibiades: "Strike! But hear me first!" Its indispensable requisites are notice and hearing.

If a criminal case against a notorious drug lord is dismissed, the court will immediately be suspected of impropriety. It is possible, though, that the evidence against him was illegally obtained and therefore inadmissible as "the fruit of the poisonous tree." The accused, even if guilty, was entitled to an acquittal because the prosecution failed to overcome his constitutional presumption of innocence. His conviction on the strength alone of his notoriety would have violated due process.

The slow pace of our judicial and adminis-

JUDGE Theresa L. de la Torre Yadao of the Quezon City Trial Court (Branch 81), who is handling the parricide case against Mila E. Valerio, wrote the *Inquirer* last Tuesday, Oct. 2, to complain about my Sept. 22 column, titled "Innocent woman in jail." Very fast reaction time, I must say. Would that she act as fast on Valerio's application for bail.

In her letter, the judge stated that I have "insinuated that it is the court which is causing the delay" and that I "would like the public to believe that Valerio is innocent." She emphatically takes exception to the former ("But to accuse the court of being the cause of the delay in resolving the motion to be admitted to bail is certainly objectionable"). She also loftily reminds me that I have no business talking about the latter ("...to conclude that Valerio is innocent because the stories of Modesto Cabador and Ruben Reyes are incredible and 'propesterous,' as Monsod claimed, is sub judice").

The judge further assumes that I wrote the column without doing any homework ("If Monsod had only looked into the records..."). "If someone told Monsod of the alleged snail-paced development in Mila's case, then she should have first verified...". What's more, I should have asked "someone learned in the law about the procedure in trial and bail applications."

Talk about outraged majesty. The judge sounds like I have committed lese majeste—how dare Monsod, who not only is a non-lawyer, but lazy to boot, show such disrespect for her court?

But, she also assures us, she is fair and impartial, and vows that she will not allow public or anyone's opinion (presumably mine) to affect either. How very big of her.

Well. Pardon me for breathing, Judge Yadao. And it is only with the greatest difficulty that I overcome the urge to apologize that I have not shown the respect and awe, the fear and trem-

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trative proceedings is often attributable to due process. For obvious reasons, the guilty party will want to defer his defeat as long as possible. The most common gambit is the motion for resetting of the hearing or an extension for the filing of the pleadings or the disqualification of the judge. One of Estrada's less discreet counsel openly boasted that they could easily delay his trial by at least five years. He wasn't bluffing. From the inordinate number of motions they have been filing, it's plain that they're working assiduously to postpone their client's trial and conviction.

The uniform "inability" of Estrada's lawyers to attend the hearing of the plunder case last Monday was in keeping with their announced strategy. The insolence of their boycott was evident in the various shallow excuses they gave for their absence on the exact self-same day. Fortunately, the Third Division of the Sandiganbayan refused to be intimidated and correctly appointed counsel *de oficio* for the supposedly abandoned Estrada. The prosecution has filed a motion to declare all the lawyers in contempt, with Estrada as a co-conspirator.

For their part, Estrada's lawyers have filed a motion to nullify the hearing, arguing that it should not have been continued without them. They're crying due process again. These learned counsel cannot seriously believe that the Supreme Court will be so naïve as to accept their superficial pretexts for not attending the trial. Among their claimed unavoidable obligations were to catch up on lost sleep, to go to Manila and pray, and to visit an old mother, all allegedly mandatory on Oct. 1.

It's clear that they have filed their motion with tongue in cheek to display their scorn for the high tribunal. Their superciliousness is all too obvious. They're using the honorable justices again to buy time for their doomed client, but I'm sure the Court will not be biting. Even the legal

profession is embarrassed by their effrontery.

What's also clear is that their unanimous absence was first cleared with Estrada, as part of their plan to throw roadblocks at his trial. The fact that he appeared in court only in slippers shows he was part of the charade, the star again of the continuing drama of Asiong Salonga's defiance of the law. Otherwise, why hasn't he fired all his lawyers for leaving him to face the prosecution all alone?

Fortunately, nobody was deceived by the defense gambit. Even Estrada's supporters were not moved by what he called "judicial terrorism." If at all, the tactic only proved that the former star has lost his glitter and is no longer the *Erap para sa mahirap* the disenchanted masses used to idolize. The ousted ex-president has been marginalized and can only hope to defer as long as he can his future life in jail.

It remains to stress that due process is available not only to the accused but also to the government. Both sides are entitled to its equal protection. In *People v. Serzo*, 274 SCRA 553, the accused repeatedly asked for the postponement of his trial on the ground that he was still looking for a lawyer to retain. The Supreme Court put its foot down. It held that his right to counsel could not be used "to sanction reprehensible dilatory tactics...or to prejudice the equally important rights of the State and the offended party to speedy and adequate justice."

In the earlier case of *People v. Dichoso*, 96 SCRA 957, the hearings for the presentation of the evidence for the accused were reset 11 times because of her absence. When she still did not appear at the 12th scheduled hearing, her counsel submitted the case for decision. Through a new layer, she later questioned her conviction, arguing that she had been denied the right to be heard. The Supreme Court held that, by her repeated failure to attend her trial, she had waived her right to the protection of due process. "Speedy justice," it ruled, "is as much a prerogative of the Accused as of the Complainant."

One intriguing thought is how much Estrada is paying his battery of lawyers. Are they retained on a time billing arrangement or do they charge for every single pleading they file on his behalf? The motions alone could cost him a small fortune, not that the multi-millionaire ex-president can't afford it. It's a nice living for his counsel, especially if his trial drags on and on.

Slowness of judicial process

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bling, that you have obviously come to expect from mere mortals such as I am.

But overcome it I have. And I can just barely summon the courage to tell you the following:

1. I read all the records of the Valerio case. I also talked at length to her colleagues before I put one word down—over 14 months ago. When I say all, I mean all the affidavits and counter-affidavits of the prosecution witnesses as well as Valerio's, plus the findings of the chief state prosecutor. How else did I become thoroughly convinced of her innocence?

2. I am glad that you agree that there is delay in deciding Valerio's application for bail, as implied in your question, "Who then is causing the delay?" But you attribute the delay ("The answer is obvious") to Valerio and her counsel. There may be some basis for that, but as the presiding judge, you cannot deny that you gave the greater influence on the pace and manner of the proceedings, and that you have to make the decisions.

So I hope you don't mind if I ask some questions, as one who is sincerely puzzled, as well as concerned about how slow the wheels of justice grind.

For example, my sources tell me that hearings on bail application could be conducted even before the pre-trial, and even start on the same day as the arraignment itself. This certainly makes sense, but it wasn't done in this case. Why?

On the other hand, your statement saying that

the prosecution should be allowed "to present all the evidence it may want to produce" during bail hearings doesn't make sense. Doesn't this allow the prosecution to control the timing of the bail decision? It can take its own time in presenting documentary and testimonial evidence. Due process for the prosecution should never outweigh the right to due process of the accused.

Aren't bail hearings supposed to be summary in nature? By no stretch of the imagination should they last more than six months. Even in other non-bailable offenses, I am told by legal eagles, bail can be granted or denied within a month—six hearings should be more than enough. So why doesn't there seem to be an end in sight for Valerio's bail request?

Finally, if bail is to be granted in a non-bailable offense when the evidence of guilt is not strong, may I repeat that it really is beyond me why it should take as long as even one month to make a decision. After all, the relevant evidence against Mila Valerio is limited to a single affidavit executed by a person (Modesto Cabador) who not only cannot possibly be credible (he is interested in getting one of the accused, a nephew, out of jail—and it seems he is succeeding, because the National Bureau of Investigation wants to turn the fellow into a state witness, and are otherwise pampering him), but his story—that Mila plotted with her lover to kill her husband in the presence of a third party (Modesto) she had only just met—stretches credibility to the limit.

Now, Judge Yadao, I hope you will begin to appreciate why ordinary mortals who read about this case cannot understand why bail has not been granted up to now. No one (as yet) questions your impartiality or your fairness. They do, however, question the slowness of the process—which is the sickness of our whole justice system, and to which you, I have to say, have contributed.

The privilege speech that went 'delivery-shopping'

SEN. Panfilo Lacson's accusation that First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo had manipulated some P250 million in PCSO advertising funds to boost the campaign of four senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition apparently was hatched as a grand opposition plot. Sources disclosed that deposed President Estrada was in the group that discussed this plot, and as everyone knows, Sen. Edgardo Angara orchestrated it. His former undersecretary at the Department of Agriculture, lawyer Demaree Raval, drafted the privilege speech, while Angara led the 11-member opposition's sponsorship of a resolution seeking an investigation of Mike Arroyo's alleged misuse of PCSO funds. This was lodged before the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, revision of laws and electoral reforms that Angara heads and whose secretary is Raval.

Yesterday President Macapagal told the media that if that committee gets jurisdiction over that resolution, she doubts if her husband would be given a fair shake.

One very curious thing is how the privilege speech delivered by Lacson went "delivery-shopping." Raval's draft was furnished to select media last week and talk was that Angara himself was to deliver it. Lacson understandably would be the last priority since the public would consider him a "polluted source" because of the many allegations against him in various forums. But for some reason, Angara opted not to deliver it and it was brought to Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel, who got very interested. But by his own admission, Pimentel backed off because he felt more evidence against Arroyo was needed. He confessed to being worried that the source of the allegations, former PCSO media consultant Robert Rivero, might back out. It thus fell on Lacson to deliver the speech.

The "delivery-shopping" shows the depths to which the Senate has sunk. Time was when the privilege speech was a revered instrument. This privilege speech was ghost-written by Raval, a former undersecretary who was forced to resign during Estrada's time, and based on allegations raised by Rivero, who was forced to resign from the PCSO because he had reportedly demanded kickbacks from various media outlets in the placement of PCSO ads. The speech was then peddled for delivery among the opposition senators, and it was Lacson who picked it up and delivered it in the guise of fighting corruption.

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



At that point the opposition had every reason for wanting to explode another bomb against Arroyo. The trial of Erap had just begun and they needed something to distract people from it. Then, too, the joint committee hearings in the Senate have been damaging to Lacson since people tend to believe a host of witnesses such as Mary Ong and PNP "bodegero" Remus Garganera. People see the Lacson exposé as squid tactics.

What's difficult to see is how the opposition could bank on Rivero when his reputation in the media has been questionable. Last year, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile fired him as anchor of the regular radio program the senator was doing with his colleague, Sen. Juan Flavio on dzXL, because Rivero failed to hook the program up nationwide, although Enrile had paid for it. Rivero's wife Janet also served in Enrile's staff, and after the senator's exit from government, she joined Lacson's staff and is still working there.

What's hard to explain is why Press Undersecretary Bobby Capco helped put Rivero in the PCSO, given his background. Ang hina naman ng intelligence ng Malacañang, was people's initial reaction. Now that more media people are volunteering reports on Rivero's activities, Capco has realized his mistake. But then, as far as I know him, Capco has always had this guileless streak. He's a decent, hard-working chap who tends to be too trusting and who thinks everyone's as decent as he is.

What many people find even more difficult to understand, however, is Angara's blind loyalty to Erap and Lacson. This puzzles even his longtime colleagues in the Senate. Behind that often smiling façade and the painstakingly nurtured reputation as an educator and legal luminary lurks another side that's not easy to comprehend.

Palace lawyers do not seem to understand the severe effect of their decision to subject the BOT con-

tract of Piatco, the builders of Naia 3, to a review by a 12-member panel. This old contract has been reviewed, heard and examined by the regional trial court, the Ombudsman and the House committee on transportation. All of these bodies found the Naia 3 contract aboveboard and advantageous to the government.

To "review" is to reexamine and reopen the contract with the view either of amending it or annulling it. Unfortunately, the inevitable impression being projected especially abroad is that the Palace lawyers have not heard of the fundamental principle of finality of judgment, *res judicata*, the stern constitutional injunction against "impairment of contract" as well as the universal norms of civilized conduct, like fairness. Under our laws and Constitution, neither Congress nor the Supreme Court can review or annul the contract. Neither can the Office of the President. The review achieves nothing, except to underscore our unfairness to foreign investors. President Macapagal, who's not a lawyer, seemed to know more about the law when she stated that to reopen that already partially executed Piatco contract could open the government to damage suits.

In their ad last week, the detractors of Piatco demanded a Palace review of the contract because they said there have been various lawsuits and investigations against the firm. But they failed to mention that they themselves filed those lawsuits and complaints. The last one, filed a few weeks ago, was rejected by the Ombudsman because the complaint was signed by an impostor. Piatco has said it welcomes the opportunity to expose the lies and absence of logic in the complaints.

It's good to realize that this airport project involves, among other groups, Nissho Iway, the Asian Development Bank and some of the world's top architects and engineers, which studied the contract and do not want to be involved in scams. They have invested some \$600 million in what's going to be Asia's most modern airport, at this point already half-finished. Among the critics of the project are some businessmen with rather shabby reputations, whose names were revealed by our colleague Vic Agustin. The foreign investment in this project constitutes the biggest of its kind here in the last 10 years. But from the way we are subjecting these foreign investors to interminable investigations, suits and reviews, need we wonder why this nation is not moving forward?

Being Filipina today

IF OSAMA bin Laden is assassinated by commandos infiltrating his hideout in Afghanistan, he would only be transformed into a martyr and a rallying symbol for terrorists worldwide. If, however, he is captured and brought to the United States or his native Saudi Arabia to stand trial, he could end up inspiring hundreds of fanatical followers to stage more horrifying acts of terrorism to pressure the "host" government to release him.

What to do with a problem like Bin Laden? Commandos should kidnap the terrorist mastermind and spirit him out of Afghanistan's borders. In a secret military facility, a team of surgeons will be waiting to perform an operation on him. Once Bin Laden has recovered, he should then be spirited back to Afghanistan—as a woman living under the rule of the Taliban.

This is a joke making the rounds of e-mail groups, and so far, no one has had the temerity to claim authorship.

It is funny, but heartbreakingly so. Indeed, being a woman living in Afghanistan these days is about the worst punishment one can wish on the man suspected of orchestrating a global wave of terrorism. In Afghanistan today, under the iron fist of the ultraconservative Taliban, for no other "sin" than to be born female, women and girls have been deprived of their right to education, proper health care, the practice of their professions and their freedom of movement. In their obsession with "turning back the clock," the Taliban have something in common with equally conservative and rigidly fundamentalist counterparts in Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel, the United States, many countries in Africa and Latin America, and the Philippines. It seems they want to return women to their status of subordination before the world accepted the idea that women and men are equal in the eyes of God and of human law.

IT'S while reading about the women of Afghanistan, or viewing the harrowing CNN documentary "Beneath the Veil" that exposes the excesses of the Taliban regime, that one actually becomes grateful for being Filipina.

Then again, I remember a senior Indian journalist asking me, at an international media seminar, how Filipino parents could allow their young daughters to leave home in such great numbers to

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work as entertainers abroad, knowing full well that this would lead inevitably to prostitution.

Our privileges are our weaknesses. There are no social barriers to travel for our women. Young women were leaving their families in rural areas to work in the cigar factories of Manila during the Spanish colonial period. We have a long history of daughters being sent off to work in the homes of wealthy landlords to pay off the family's debt. Though in recent years, the landlords have been replaced by foreign employers, the Yakuza or trafficking syndicates.

It's easy enough to compare ourselves to Afghan women and be grateful. Quite another thing to acknowledge that our own "open" but poor society is fertile soil for exploitation.

STILL, there are many things to celebrate about being a woman in the Philippines, at this time. All around us, women of all ages are defying convention and stereotypes, daring to initiate change, and to challenge the status quo. On Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 such women will be honored in Malacañang as this year's batch of The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service.

I'm particularly happy that among the new awardees are some of my favorite women, who've been working, in their own ways, and often away from the spotlight, to improve the lives of others.

Foremost among the awardees is Clarissa Ocampo, cited for "Extraordinary Public Service" for the "heroic role she played in the impeachment trial," when, overcoming fears for her and her family's safety, she testified and "nailed" then President Estrada.

Awardee for Children's Health Care is Dr. Ma. Victoria Abesamis, a pediatric cancer specialist and head of the Tumor Clinic of the East Avenue Medical Center. I first met Dr. Abesamis while she was caring

for my nephew Ernie, and saw first-hand her compassionate care for her young patients. Her work with parents of children who've died from cancer shows that compassion extends beyond medical care to care for survivors' and caregivers' emotional and psychological health.

Broadcaster Jessica Soho is being cited for her courage and the consistent quality of her work. Absent from the press conference where the awardees were presented, Jessica had no time to tell TOWNS that she had just flown to Pakistan to cover the preparations for war. "How typical of her!" exclaimed TOWNS president Mel Alonso.

CITED for performing arts is Grace Nono Aves, who is best known for being an exponent of indigenous Filipino music. I also know her as a committed partisan in the cause of fighting violence against women.

Queenie Lee Chua, awardee for education, is also an INQUIRER columnist but is best known for popularizing mathematics and science, curing "math phobia" by her breezy, populist approach.

Dr. Bernie Madrid, awardee for medicine/child protection, is director of the UP-PGH Child Protection Unit, a passionate champion of children's rights and advocate of (again) more compassionate care for traumatized children at the hands of the medical community.

I don't personally know the other awardees, but I'm impressed just the same by their accomplishments. Leah Victoria Reyes, awardee for education, overcame her own blindness to found a school for children with special needs. Clarita Aganon, awardee for agriculture and rural development, earned the nickname "Pinatubo Queen" for her work demonstrating how ash fall and lahar areas can still be made more productive. The research done by Olivia Damasco, awardee for agriculture and plant tissue culture, initiated the development of banana tissue culture technology in the country. And Marie Antoinette Menez, awardee for marine ecology, is cited for championing the rights of small fisherfolk and seaside communities over the interests of big fishing concerns.

Congratulations and welcome to the sisterhood of TOWNS!

Introducing Elvin

HAVING lived all my life in an urban area, my assignment to teach in a rural area was a big challenge and required some major adjustments. The first few weeks were a series of struggles for me. There was the struggle with the very cold water for my bath; the struggle with the food that was very vegetarian and whose taste I couldn't describe; the struggle with the very cold weather at night; the struggle of living without electricity, without a cell phone and newspapers that arrived very much delayed; the struggle with the infinite silence of the *bundok*; and the struggle with my students who knew very little about personal hygiene and were very slow to learn their lessons.

It was really hard to find beauty, intelligence and richness in this land where the norms of living that I knew were rarely ever practiced. Living and surviving here was very difficult, and nothing seemed right. Until I realized I was just too blind to see it.

The house where my partner and I are staying is located behind the chapel and beside Datu's house and close to Nay Palusan's house. The chapel is perfect: it reminds me so much about love and faith. Datu's house, on the other hand, is a constant reminder that I will be safe in the community. In addition, the place still reeks of Lumad culture, which for me is truly great. But the most fortunate and heartwarming thing about the location of our house is that it is near Nay Palusan's home, Elvin's home.

Elvin is Nay Palusan's youngest son. He is 8 years old, but looks like he is 5. He is much too small for his age and is still very childlike for a boy of his age. You'll often see him around the school playing *shatong* or climbing someone else's tree to pick grapefruit or *santol*. Elvin is such a lively child, he never seems to get tired.

Sometimes as early as 6 a.m. I see him sitting on the balcony of Datu's house. The moment he sees me, he shouts in great excitement, "*Maayad salem, Ate Kang* (Good morning Ate Kang!)" Elvin is an extraordinary child, and he is my playmate here in Bindum, a remote settlement in the province of Bukidnon populated by Lumads.

Usually around 2:30 p.m., after I have taken a bath, I would hear Elvin shouting and knocking at my window. In his tiny voice, he invites me to play with him. And then he'll ask if I have a candy.

I usually talk to him and play with him for a while, and give him a candy or two. Then I bid him goodbye for I have to prepare for my Math class which starts at 4 p.m.

As I start to walk away, he asks if we can continue playing later. My usual answer is maybe because I don't want to make promises that I can't keep. I might be busy after class and he might be waiting for me.

Almost every afternoon, after my last class, at around 5:30 p.m., he will be at my window again, offering me different fruits he has picked from their farm: banana, *santol*, *langka*, guava and grapefruit. He always makes sure I get a share of anything that he eats.

One afternoon, Elvin offered me a guava. Since I wasn't feeling hungry, I told him that he could have it. He ate it without making any protest.

It was one of those days when the sun was so hot so most of the kids took a bath. Elvin took a bath too, and that made me extra happy because I knew my playmate would smell extra nice this time.

When Elvin came back, my partner and I noticed that he had not changed his clothes after taking a bath. We asked him why, but he didn't answer.

It was a little girl who was standing nearby who answered for him. "*Huda naman sila salapi pampalit* (They don't have money to buy new clothes)," she told us.

I was so ashamed of myself. Immediately I realized that we shouldn't have asked, for it would only cause him deep embarrassment.

But I wasn't embarrassed for him, for in him I saw the beauty, richness and intelligence I was looking for in Bindum. I said to myself: Look at this child, he doesn't have much in terms of material things, but he has so much love in his heart to give. He is always willing to share his blessings. He is always happy and contented with everything that he has and he never asks for too much. Even as a young kid, he already helps in their farm, doing things that most children his age cannot do. He knows so many things about agriculture, especially the practical aspect of farming.

It was only then that I realized that I could see again. Beauty, richness and intelligence were being served to me. Along with love in its purest form.

There is so much beauty and richness in Sitio Bindum and intelligence flourishes in this land. Elvin is just one of them.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO...?

Ex-solon's child support case

FORMER MARIKINA Rep. Romeo Candazo is facing a suit alleging that he failed to give financial support to his child.

On March 23, 2000, Celine Marie Buencamino, who claims to be Candazo's former lover, filed a complaint with the Marikina City Prosecutor's Office accusing him of violating a provision of Republic Act 7610, otherwise known as the Child Exploitation and Discrimination Act.

But on Aug. 18 of the same year, City Prosecutor Loreto Lara Acejo issued a resolution dismissing Buencamino's complaint. He said there was no valid justification to hold Candazo for trial. The prosecutor argued that "it is only upon a determination of (Candazo's) paternity over (the child) that his liability can be passed upon. Before such a determination, which incidentally cannot be had in these proceedings...any complaint for criminal neglect or violation of RA 7610, or even an ordinary action for support, would be considered premature."

Immediately after this resolution was issued, Buencamino filed a paternity suit with Branch 272 of the Marikina City Regional Trial Court. This time, her lawyer cited the child as the principal plaintiff in the civil case. The case is being handled by Judge Rolindo Beldia Jr.

Last July, the lawyer of the complainant filed a motion asking the court to subject Candazo, Buencamino and the child to a DNA test to determine the paternity of the child.

Case status: The case is still in its trial stage and the prosecution is presenting its evidence. Beldia has yet to resolve the motion asking for a DNA testing of the parties involved.

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Religious terms and Philippine civilization

THERE apparently exists in the American Museum of Natural History anthropological papers on the Philippines. A slim study by A. L. Kroeber published in 1918, titled "The History of Philippine Civilization as Reflected in Religious Nomenclature," is listed as Volume XIX, Part II. Certainly it would be interesting to have access to the other volumes.

Kroeber was looking into cultural relationships between Filipinos based on the religious words they used. But at the same time that the report discusses words employed, it also brings to light certain beliefs. For instance, belief in *anitos* or spirits was common in Pangasinan, Sambal, Tagalog, Bikol, Bisaya, Bagobo and Maguindanao. *Adimat* or *agumait*, referring to amulets, was used by the Tirurays and the Moros. Tagalogs understood *alamat* as tradition, while the Tirurays meant divination, a practice that the Bagobos also believed in and called *bongo* or *bongan*.

The Kapampangans, Bikolanos, Tagalogs, Bisayans and Mandayans had their demons or *asuang*, but the *bailan* or *babailan* (priest or medium) was found among the Ilokanos, Bikolanos, Bisayans, Mandayans, Bagobos and Tirurays. There were also transvestite priests called *bayoks* or *bayaguins* among the Sambals and Tagalogs.

Bisayans, Tirurais and Tagalogs believed in herbs (*kabal*) that rendered them invulnerable. The war god of the Pangalatoks was called *Laki* or *Apo Laki*, the same word that meant a mountain monster to the Bikolanos. The Tagalog and Maguindanao region had a moon-devouring monster called *rahu* or *lahu*, and the Kapampangans, the Tagalogs and Tirurais had a monster fish called *naga*. Bataks, Bagobos, Tagbanuas used miniature boats called *sakuyan* to make offerings to their gods.

Spirit houses (*ulango*) existed among the Bisayans, the Tinggians, and the Tagalogs (who

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called them *simbahan*, a term that has survived to the present day). Bikolanos utilized caves (*moog*) in their mountains to house their idols. Those of the Tirurays could only be entered into by their priests. These spirit houses were miniature dwellings, often without floors but always roofed and Bagobos built them near settlements or on roads.

There were ceremonies for pre-harvest and post harvest, weddings, funerals, in connection with warfare, against illness or to evidence social rank among the Tagalogs, Bikolanos, Bisayans, Ifugaos, Subanon and Bagobos. Names of corresponding rites varied. There was not one outstanding ritual common to all. Kroeber said that Filipino rituals remained in the category of customs with no formulated system.

There were also rituals against disease, to allay storms, before hunting, after killing seven boars (Subanon), for good luck, to prevent dissension, to settle blood feuds, to kill and to bewitch.

In rituals of divination, Ifugaos used a magic stick, Nabalois a swinging stone, Tirurays the lines of palm trees and Bagobos palm reading. There were ceremonies for transplanting irrigated rice, before newly harvested rice was eaten, to produce rain for crops and for crops other than rice.

Rituals were connected with the phases of human life at birth and at death which was done with song among the Tinggians and which in Cagayan was concluded with human sacrifice. There were even rituals connected with the removal of the prohibition of marriage of cousins

among the Ifugaos and the Subanon.

Except for the Igorots, tooth-filling and blackening were practiced all over the islands while tattooing was most developed in northern Luzon and among the Bisayans. Kerchiefs or headscarfs were indicative of rank among the Tagalogs and in the southern regions. The head ax replaced the sword or bolo among the northern Igorots, Tinggians, Kalinga and Bontok. Distinctly southern was the use of armor made of metal, horn, wood, rattan or textile. Ridge or transversely convex shields were typical in the Igorot area, while in Mindanao the convexity was longitudinal and the central boss was a round knob. Ilongots and Zambales Negritos used shields with a prong.

Cagayans, Sambals, Tagalogs, Bisayans and Moros used to sacrifice slaves and keep the bones as trophies. Pile-raised houses and tree houses were found all over the country and native systems of writing prevailed, but only the Mangyans of Mindoro and the Tagbanuas of Palawan preserved syllabaries akin to that of the Tagalogs.

There were rituals of war and headhunting among the Ifugaos, the Bilaan, Tinggians, Bontoks, Nabalois and Kankanaes. Ifugaos and Bilaans had ceremonies to prepare for a raid. Others had celebrations for head-taking as well as for the establishment of peace.

The most fundamental things remained undisturbed: metal-working, pottery, the loom, rice culture, house structure, outrigger boats, the constitution of a society on a non-political basis of blood kinship, sacrifice, auguries, priest mediums and omen birds.

What should amaze us is how little common knowledge there is about these practices of ancient Filipinos. No wonder some ostensibly well-educated Filipinos actually believe that culture refers only to art exhibits and shows at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

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LETTERS

Interfaith groups pray for peace

WE, the peoples representing all faiths in Mindanao, join our many voices in prayer and share in the firm resolve that no hurdle to peace in the country and in other places in the world will diminish our optimism that peace will be achieved in our land.

The attack on the United States by suspected terrorists has resulted in numerous lives lost and people still missing, buried in the rubble that was once the World Trade Center in New York City, and in the fire that gutted the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Some of these dead and missing are Filipinos.

We join the call for all peoples of the world and of different faiths to join hands and pray for our brothers and sisters who have died in this tragedy and maintain an unwavering hope that many of those who are missing will still be found alive.

Yet even as we bow our heads in grief and solemn prayer, we cannot but condemn the causes of the brutality and inhumanity, not so much of the perpetrators, but of the act which brought about this tragedy. This act goes against the teachings

of Islam, Christianity and of other faiths which preach peace and love among people. This act has no place in a society which purports to be civilized and human.

We hope that this tragic event which has befallen our brothers and sisters in the United States will not undermine the social cohesion that all of us are trying so hard to strengthen among the peoples of Mindanao as part of the peace process.

At a time when we can expect a wedge being driven once again between Christians and Muslims in the country because of distrust, anger and wariness, we will build wider bridges to foster understanding and to calm religious tension and fear, especially in communities where Christians and Muslims live together.

At a time when there could be a change in perception among Filipino Muslims that the conflict in Mindanao is no longer a domestic affair but a global one, we remain confident and supportive of the ongoing collective peace process in the country, specifically the peace negotiations, the peace and develop-

ment efforts of the government and those of various groups of civil society and religious sectors.

As this critical point in our history we shall not lose respect for our leaders to whom we have accorded so much in moral authority and ascendancy or lose sight of their vision for a Mindanao at peace.

At a time when there might be an increase in militancy by armed groups, we shall send a clear message that violence and armed conflict are not the ways of our faiths and will never bring us to peace.

While there are sentiments against supporting war, we Mindanaoans nevertheless express support for the action of the national government to attain peace and the defense of the country against terrorism.

Finally, we appeal for similar interfaith solidarity assemblies to be conducted not only in Mindanao but also in other parts of the country.

To all these, with the help of the Almighty God we commit.—WITH 87 SIGNATORIES, Interfaith Solidarity Conference Statement, Davao City

Numbers show no sugar shortage

PLEASE allow us to comment on the article of Christine A. Gaylican last Oct. 1, 2001, titled "Sugar output to fall short of demand."

In behalf of the Sugar Regulatory Administration, I would like to dispel the notion that there will be a shortfall in the supply of sugar.

The projected sugar production is 1.89 million MT, an increase of 90,000 MT compared to our production of 1.8 million MT last year. De-

mand is expected to be flat at 1.9 million MT while export commitment is 140,000 MT, making total demand around 2.04 million MT. Simply put, if we add our production, buffer stock and sugar under MAV, less our export commitment to the United States and domestic demand, the figures will show that there is no shortage.

It is too early to talk of shortage or the need to import at this time. The milling season has just started,

while crop estimates cannot be accurately projected until early January. So the numbers can still change.

We hope this clarifies the matter, considering that a news article such as this creates a negative impact and affects the psychological market forces of the sugar industry.—JAMES C. LEDESMA, administrator, Sugar Regulatory Administration, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

High cost of water interconnection

ALLOW me to respond to the article of Agnes Donato last Oct. 1, regarding the complaints of the Federation of United Homeowners Associations of Antipolo (A-Homes), led by their spokesperson Eleazar Kasilag.

The group is questioning the fees we charge. They represent subdivisions in the Antipolo area to whom we want to deliver water but who unfortunately do not have their own distribution lines which their respective developers should have installed.

Manila Water is exerting its efforts to provide water to these areas. We have spent P31 million for the laying of mainline and secondary lines along Sumulong Highway and Marcos Highway in Antipolo. We are fast-tracking the completion of these projects so these lines can supply some 9 million liters of water per day to benefit an estimated 9,000 families living in the subdivisions lining the stretch of these pipelines.

If the federation feels that the interconnection cost to these newly laid waterlines are too expensive, the practical option would be for them to get their own contractor. Manila Water will do the supervisory work for them.—JOEL D. LACSAMANA, director, Corporate Communications, Manila Water, 2/F MWSS Administration Building, Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City

Terrorism the result not the cause

THE TERRORIST attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 is unjustifiable in every term and deserves the strongest condemnation possible. We grieve with the relatives and friends of the victims. But we cannot condone the hate and anger campaign and pro-war stance of the American political leaders.

The United States has historically been sowing terror, has used every necessary weapon of war, and inflicted massive destruction on human lives and the environment on a global scale: the massacre of thousands of Filipinos in the Fil-American war, the killing and maiming of thousands of Japanese civilians in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the napalm bombing of villages in Vietnam. It blasted a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan, a hospital, the water supply system and schoolhouses in Iraq. It continues to finance dictators and arm tyrants, who kill according to their own whims. It continues to wage wars of aggression and intervention, using all fronts—economic, political and military. All terrorist acts several times the magnitude of the WTC incidence.

So, when US President Bush asked every nation to make a decision to be either with them or the terrorists, he is actually giving countries no choices.

The tragedy should not be used as a pretext to launch a global war on terrorism in general. Terrorism is the result, it is not the cause. Now is not the time for vengeance and retaliation. Now is the time for reflection. War is an overused solution to the basic problem of an inequitable and unjust system. Recent events have proven it does not work.

The United States is calling for war that marks no borders, respects no limits and knows no rules. The Philippine government should reexamine its unqualified and over-eager support for the United States. A global war at this stage is to be the grandest human drama no theater will be able to hold.

Now is the time to think with our hearts, so that we can act with compassion. The Filipino masses and others in poor and underdeveloped countries live in hunger and misery—dispossessed of their lands, stripped of their countries' resources. Even without any formal declaration of war, they are in fact living in war-like conditions. Their faces are images of despair and uncertainty, their children's songs are moans and cries of sufferings.

Now is the time to feel with our minds, so that we can move with reason and understanding.

The Concerned Artists of the Philippines (CAP) supports all rational moves to eradicate terrorism. We reserve judgment regarding the identity of the WTC terrorists until a more thorough investigation is undertaken. We will fight and resist campaigns that promote racism and discrimination against Muslims and all peoples of color. We move for justice for the victims of the WTC terrorist attacks, as we demand justice for the US government's wars of aggression and intervention on the Filipino and the world's peoples.

Now is the time for justice, so that we can attain peace. The CAP is for justice, not war.—JULIE L. PO, secretary general, Concerned Artists of the Philippines, 65 10th Ave., Cubao, Quezon City



JESUS IS LORD CHURCH



MESSAGE

I wish to convey my warmest felicitations to you and your church on the 23rd Anniversary of the Jesus Is Lord Church.

Under the dynamic leadership of your Founder and Spiritual Director Bishop Edie C. Villanueva, your church has become a dynamic and potent force in nurturing the moral foundation and addressing the spiritual need of our people. Consistent with our moral recovery and social transformation program, you have likewise been an instrumental partner in forming a united society under God, through various programs in schools, offices and communities nationwide. Indeed you are not only effectual bearers of the Gospel of love and salvation in Christ Jesus to our countrymen here and abroad, but also staunch and consistent advocates of truth, justice and righteousness in the land.

On this auspicious occasion, may I also take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your vigorous and all-out support for the success of my administration and its programs. With your unwavering support and encouraging prayers, I am confident that we will succeed in moving our country forward to the path of sustainable development and take hold of God's promise of a brighter tomorrow for the Philippines.

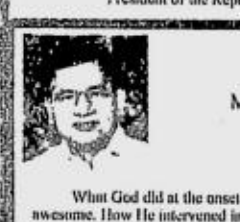
May you have a blessed and victorious celebration and we hope that the Church will continue to touch our people's lives and bring them closer to God in meaningful ways.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
President of the Republic of the Philippines

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MESSAGE

What God did at the onset of this year is truly awesome. How He intervened in the critical situations we faced and raised up this country from possible collapse in government and politics surely is a thing worth remembering. It gave us a hope for a new Philippines - shining anew, becoming a blessed nation, haven of peace and a well of prosperity.

But this glory that was recorded in history faces a strong adversary. Incumbent crises and intrigues visited the nation, with an attempt to discredit the nascent government, which pulls all effort to elevate the people's well being.

Today, it is not only the entire nation that faces trials and difficulties but the entire world as well. The threat of worldwide terrorism and possible war for instance places the nations in great danger. And this new challenge whether for greatness or destruction is something that will define the role of the Church in such a time as this.

The Church of God or the Body of Christ is a living institution of the Living God that can make a difference. For we believe, what happens now in our midst is but one rare and timely opportunity God has given to the Church to impact the world. But this we cannot do apart from God's formula. Let us take heed what He said. "If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

The revival and restoration of a nation is not impossible to those who would "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). When we do, He promises to add all things unto us.

God isn't finished yet. The glory He had shown us a few months back is just a tiny spark of the greater glory (1 Thess 2:12) that He still further reveal. Because He promised, that the work He begins, He will bring to completion (Philippians 1:6). Greater is the glory that God will let our nation and the world see. This is our current desire and prayer for our 23rd anniversary, and that we will surely see!

GOD BLESS THE PHILIPPINES!!!

Edie C. Villanueva
BISHOP EDIE C. VILLANUEVA
Spiritual Director

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**LIVE COVERAGE OCTOBER 7, 2001
3:00 PM (SUNDAY)**

Hospital of the masses no more

THE PHILIPPINE General Hospital has long been known as the hospital of the masses. Indigent patients come in droves, expecting affordable health care services, but they are increasingly disheartened by hospital fees that are far beyond their reach.

Since the early 1980s, the Philippine government has consistently been following the conditions and prescriptions imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. The neo-liberal formula of privatization, liberalization and deregulation and the accompanying decrease in government expenditure on social services have not only maimed the economy, but have also deprived the Filipino people of their basic constitutional right to affordable and accessible public health care as well as other social services.

In the midst of a worsening economic crisis, widespread poverty and unemployment, the administration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo increased all government fees by a minimum of 20 percent. The PGH, a bastion of the poor, is not immune to these heartless impositions. Last Sept. 12, the PGH administration issued a memorandum announcing the hospital's first round of hospital rate and charge increases. Although the charity rates are said to be significantly lower than charges for pay patients, we believe that these are still way above the economic capabilities of most of our patients, who often don't have money for transportation to the PGH.

A simple urinalysis, which does not require any special reagent to process and which used to be free of charge, now costs an indigent patient P20.50. The price of a 2-D Echo examination of the heart was increased from P485 to up to P720 even for patients who belong to the lowest income bracket. Various laboratory and central supply fees were increased by as much as 49 percent.

It is unfortunate that the PGH would fall into the trap of proving its self-sufficiency by sacrificing service and the provision of affordable health care to the Filipino people. Being in the frontline of patient care, struggling with our patients to look for resources, we know that they cannot afford these price increases. We fear for the lives of most of our fellowmen who live below the poverty line, the ones most afflicted by disease.

We believe it is time for our government to set its priorities right. Our leaders should realize that most of our countrymen are in dire need of basic necessities such as health, housing and education. The effects of the economic crisis are already very difficult to bear. It will be very irresponsible for our lawmakers to direct resources to other concerns. The present health allocation of P10 billion, which roughly accounts for only 2 percent of the national budget, is nothing compared to the 20 percent share of the military and the 40 percent allocation for foreign debt servicing. For interest payments alone, the country is spending P109 billion.

While the government claims that it has no money to provide vital services for its people, the government pays its erroneous and onerous debt, and at the same time spends millions of pesos daily to stage a war of aggression against its citizens. It is indeed sad to know that our government would rather buy tons of ammunition, grenades and fighter jets instead of much-needed antibiotics and hospital equipment.

In the next few weeks, Congress will be deliberating on the health sector budget. We would like to appeal to everyone to unite and lobby for a bigger budgetary allocation not only for health services but also for other basic social services.

At the same time, we appeal to the PGH administration to hold off increases in charges and rates for laboratory fees, services and supplies for all charity patients. Let us pray that our voices will be heard before the PGH and other government hospitals start charging outpatient and ER consultation fees from our indigent patients and become hospitals that serve only those who can afford. Let us support the call for affordable and accessible health care services for the Filipino people.—PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS' ASSOCIATION, Taft Avenue, Manila

The WORLD

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WASHINGTON POST REPORT

'100 percent' chance of new terror attacks

WASHINGTON—There is a "100 percent" chance Osama bin Laden's associates will launch new attacks on the United States if Afghanistan is hit with military action, intelligence officials have told US lawmakers, the Washington Post newspaper reported Friday.

"Credible new information" had been received indicating another terrorist assault on US targets at home or abroad was all but certain, the sources told a Congress briefing Thursday, according to the newspaper.

While some of the information may be inaccurate, other elements showed the risk to be "very real," one official was quoted as saying.

Another said there was a "100 percent" chance of such an attack.

"You can just about bet on it. That's just something you have to believe will happen," the newspaper quoted a member of the US Senate Intelligence Committee, Richard Shelby, as saying.

The intelligence, gathered by the FBI and the CIA, was reportedly received from Britain, Germany, Afghanistan and Pakistan but gave no clue of likely targets.

The Washington Post said concerned US authorities were mulling the best way to communicate the risk to the US public without sparking panic.

The US Justice Department has warned repeatedly since the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington that left 5,500 dead or miss-

ing that other terrorist operations were likely to be in the works.

Attention has particularly been focused on the possibility of a chemical or biological attack using either cropdusting aircraft or trucks. Several of the suspects detained in the US probe into the Sept. 11 attacks had obtained or tried to obtain permits to drive trucks carrying hazardous material.

Italy's interior ministry said Wednesday "symbols of American capitalism" could be targeted in Italy, while French authorities have been concerned by a detained terrorist suspect's statement that he had been planning a bomb attack on the US embassy in Paris.

In 1999, the FBI thwarted what was allegedly a plot to bomb the international airport in Los Angeles. **AFP**

NY attacks seen to cost \$105B

NEW YORK—New York City's comptroller Thursday estimated the attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center could cost the city's economy as much as \$105 billion in two years, as he released the first detailed analysis of the impact of the devastating blow that left nearly 5,000 dead or missing.

Alan Hevesi, a Democrat who had hoped to replace term-limited Mayor Rudolph Giuliani but was defeated in his party's primary election last week, repeatedly urged the mayor to urge President George W. Bush to put New York City first in the \$75-billion stimulus package the president wants Congress to approve to shore up the faltering economy.

Congress already has approved \$20 billion to help pay for the massive cleanup but that money will have to be shared with Pennsylvania, where one of

four airliners hijacked on Sept. 11 crashed, and Virginia, where the Pentagon, which also was attacked, is located.

Just how quickly the global financial capital bounces back from the assault on the twin towers that symbolized the Big Apple's economic might and ambition depends partly on how fast the insurance payments flow, Hevesi said. He added other factors will be how quickly the rebuilding begins and how long it takes for consumers to regain their confidence and for businesses that sought temporary office space outside the city to return.

If the recovery is done right, Hevesi told reporters at a news conference that New York City could rebound in as little as two years.

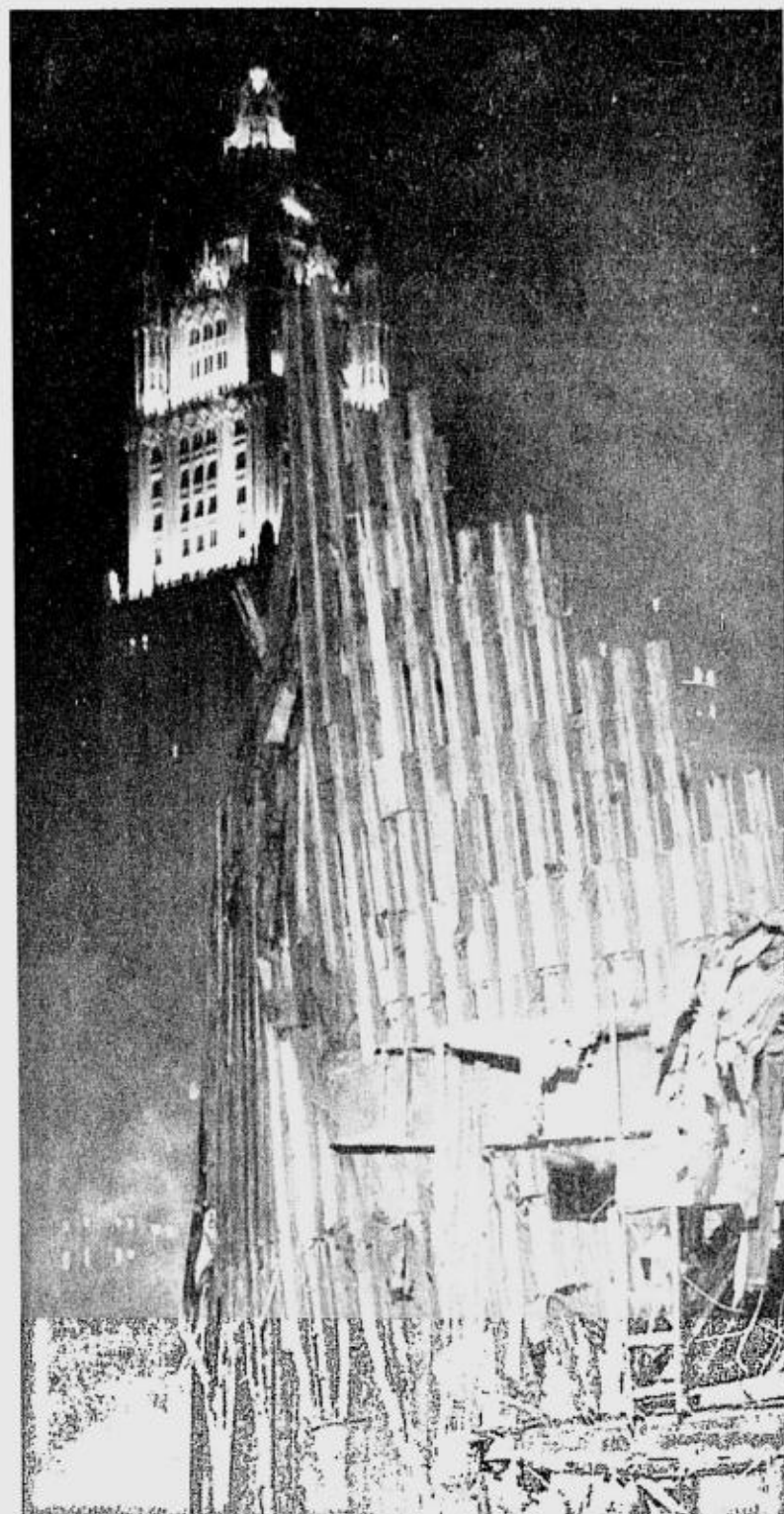
"New Yorkers are the toughest, smartest, most resilient people in the

world. We will recover from this attack," he added in a statement.

The comptroller, who will leave office in January, noted a variety of insurance payments—from life insurance, property/casualty and business interruption insurance—will help offset the huge losses that will result from layoffs caused by plunging tourism and shuttered companies.

"Insurance is likely to cover only about a third of those costs, about \$37 billion. The city could lose 115,300 jobs this fiscal year, although there will be an offset with some new jobs from cleanup, repair, construction and security," Hevesi's statement added.

New York City's economy depends heavily on Wall Street, which produces about 20 percent of its tax revenues. **Reuters**



SMOKE continues to rise from the wreckage of the World Trade Center as the landmark Woolworth tower stands lit in the night in the background, Oct. 4 New York. **AP**

Russian jet crashes; missile or terror hit?

MOSCOW—A Russian airliner carrying 64 passengers and 12 crew on a flight from Israel to Siberia crashed into the Black Sea Thursday after a mysterious explosion that conflicting reports put down to a terrorist attack or a misfired Ukrainian missile.

Ukraine's defense ministry formally denied that the Sibir airline flight from Tel Aviv had been accidentally shot down by a Ukrainian missile, after a spokesperson for Russia's Black Sea Fleet said the onboard explosion had been caused by a military exercise that went tragically wrong.

"I can hardly believe it but a Ukrainian missile shot down the plane," said Igor Larichev, a spokesperson for the Black Sea Fleet at Sevastopol in southern Ukraine.

The firing of missiles, with a range of 400 km, took place in the course of an anti-air attack exercise in Feodosia in Crimea," southern Ukraine, he added.

All 76 people on board, mostly Israeli citizens, were feared dead after the jet crashed into the sea 190 km south of the Russian city of Sochi.

But Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier that he suspected a terrorist attack was responsible for the mid-air explosion and later added it was unlikely that a Ukrainian missile could have been the accidental cause of the airliner's crash.

The missiles fired during military exercises in Crimea "could not technically reach the height that the downed TU-154 jet was flying," Putin told reporters after a meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The head of Russia's civil aviation authority also said "the circumstances of the crash lead one to believe that a terrorist act took place."

However, Putin warned that "it was too early to make any statements before experts complete their analysis."

Putin convened an emergency meeting and named the head of the Security Council, Vladimir Rushailo, to head the investigation into the causes of the disaster. **AFP**

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During the cooler months of the year, Influenza - better known as the flu - is a common illness. Like all sicknesses, the flu comes with a number of signs, namely: the sudden onset of fever, coughing, chills, weakness, muscle and joint pains, and colds. And because the flu is caused by a virus, like the cold, there is no real cure for it. We can only relieve its symptoms. If your child gets the flu, it is best to consult your doctor so the right types of medicine can be given to your child. Medicine that can make your child get better, faster.

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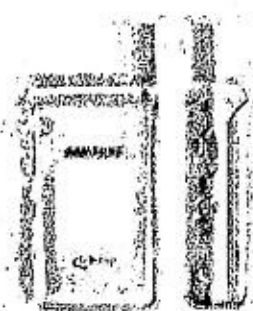
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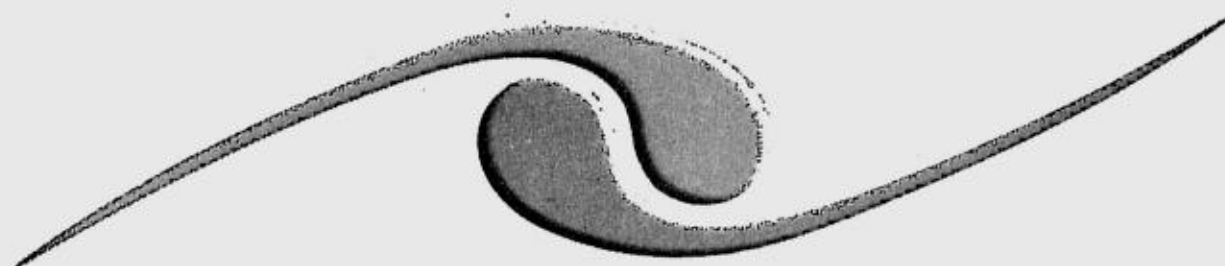
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Move over, Pokemon

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ahead, with manufacturers and retailers seeing a growing demand for firefighter and emergency vehicle toys patterned after those used in the Sept. 11 attack rescue efforts in New York and Virginia.

G.I. Joe search-and-rescue firefighter dolls are expected to hit America's toy store shelves within days. The doll is dressed in reflective stripes and equipped with a helmet, visor and thermal-imaging camera.

Hasbro developed the toy months before the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and were shipped out in August.

"He's a typical search and rescue firefighter," said a Hasbro spokesperson.

Hasbro said it has no plans to create a special memorial model. But the toy maker, whose G.I. Joe models often become collectibles, will also release a generic G.I. Joe policeman figure in November.

Billy Blazes

Toy maker Fisher-Price plans to ramp up production for its Fire Department of New York (FDNY) Rescue Hero toy in anticipation of demand in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Fisher-Price, a unit of Mattel, said it's planning to make 100,000 of the FDNY models instead of the 20,000 units it had scheduled for release in November.

All proceeds from the \$9.99 Billy Blazes model, dressed in full FDNY uniform and carrying a hose, will go to the FDNY Fire Safety Education Fund.

"All along, we felt that there was no better way to honor the lives of firefighters. Now that is even more poignant," said Laurie Oravec, spokesperson for Fisher-Price.

Firefighters, police and emergency workers have been praised for their heroism for rushing into New York's World Trade Center after hijackers crashed two commercial airlines into the Manhattan landmark.

More than 300 firefighters and dozens of New York Police Department officers are either missing or dead under the rubble of the collapsed Twin Towers.

While the attacks are expected to add misery to the already slumping economy, toys might be spared the worst of the downturn. Parents are likely to spend on their children even while they are trimming budgets elsewhere, said Frank Badillo, a senior re-

tail economist with Retail Forward, a market research firm.

And rescue heroes are likely to be on many shopping lists.

Die-cast replicas, too

Emergency rescue toys related to the Pentagon disaster are in fact selling well.

Corgi Classics, the unit of Zindart which makes die cast replicas, has noted a 15- to 25-percent jump in sales of patriotic collectibles, such as US military vehicles, Air Force One and fire engines.

Among the hottest models is a Fairfax County, Virginia Fire Engine, Corgi said. Fairfax County firefighters and vehicles took part in the rescue efforts at the Pentagon building.

Within 10 days of the attacks, Corgi sold 300 pieces of the models that sell at \$44.99 each. It usually sells about 50 a week.

The firefighter.com website sold 25 of the engines within an hour, the company said.

"Now even people who would come in to buy aircraft and construction equipment are buying fire engines or some kind of rescue vehicle," said Bill Pekarik, who runs Past-Time Hobbies, a die-cast model store in Brookfield, Illinois.

Reuters

Proof vs Bin Laden made public

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carried out the atrocities"—the attacks on New York and Washington.

Although the United States has released some information on Bin Laden, Britain is the first country to publicly make a case—albeit circumstantial—for his connection with the attacks.

'No easy options'

"We are now approaching the difficult time when action is taken," Blair warned Parliament in an emergency debate. "It will be difficult. There are no easy options."

The 21-page document made available to journalists in London listed similarities among the attacks in recent years blamed on Bin Laden, such as the bombings of the US African embassies, of US soldiers in Saudi Arabia in 1995 and 1996, of the USS Cole last year.

Bin Laden's operations employed suicide attackers; showed total disregard for casualties, including among Muslims; gave no warnings; and were coordinated and meticulously planned, the document said.

It said Bin Laden and al-Qaida had been able to carry out the attacks because Afghanistan's Taliban gave them impunity.

Too sensitive

"The document does not contain the totality of the material known to the government, given the continu-

ing and absolute need to protect intelligence sources," the British government said.

"It is not possible without compromising people or security to release precise details, and fresh information is daily coming in," Blair told lawmakers.

The document says investigators have obtained "evidence of a very specific nature relating to the guilt of Bin Laden and his associates that is too sensitive to release."

It was unclear how much of the evidence in the document had been gleaned from electronic surveillance, inside informants, foreign governments or other sources. The United States has launched a worldwide campaign since Sept. 11 to pool intelligence held by different governments.

US State Department spokesperson Richard d'Boucher said Washington had been consulted in advance by its key European ally before Britain released the document.

The associate is not named.

The report contains much that has been reported already by US and other agencies, and does not purport to provide a prosecutable case against Bin Laden.

No doubt

Blair said government ministers and the leaders of the opposition parties had seen the full evidence and "have absolutely no doubt that Bin Laden and his network are responsible" for the Sept. 11 attacks.

US administration officials presented similar evidence to NATO allies in Brussels on Tuesday. Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mohammed Riaz Khan said Thursday that the evidence against Bin Laden was sufficient to indict him for the Sept. 11 attacks.

The dossier says that "at least three" of the 19 suspected hijackers "have already been positively identified as associates of Bin Laden."

One of the three has been identified as playing key roles in both the 1998 bombings of US embassies in East Africa and the attack on the warship USS Cole in Yemen in October 2000, the report says. It gives no names.

It also says investigators have established that "Bin Laden himself asserted shortly before Sept. 11 that he was preparing a major attack on America."

"Immediately prior to Sept. 11 some known associates of Bin Laden were naming the date for action as on or around Sept. 11," the report notes.

"In August and early September, close associates of Bin Laden were warned to return to Afghanistan from other parts of the world by Sept. 10," it adds.

It also says the detailed planning for the attacks was carried out by one of Bin Laden's "closest and most senior associates."

The dossier also accuses Afghanistan's Taliban rulers of a "close and mutually dependent alliance" with Bin Laden's al-Qaida organization. It alleges that Bin Laden has representatives in the Taliban military command.

Bin Laden and al-Qaida supply the Taliban with "material, financial and military support" and in return receive protection, a share in Afghanistan's drug trade and freedom to operate terrorist training bases in the country, the document says.

"We know from intelligence that there are currently at least a dozen camps across Afghanistan, of which at least four are used for training terrorists," it says.

"Bin Laden could not operate his terrorist activities without the alliance and support of the Taliban regime. The Taliban's strength would be seriously weakened without Osama bin Laden's military and financial support," it asserts.

Drawing on previously released information, the report describes Bin Laden's network of training camps, warehouses, communication facilities and businesses in countries including the Sudan, Somalia and Kenya.

Indicted

It describes the evidence linking Bin Laden associates to the embassy bombings and the USS Cole attack. Bin Laden has been indicted in the embassy bombings and is thought by US officials to have masterminded the Cole attack.

The dossier concludes that Bin Laden and al-Qaida "retain the will and resources to carry out further atrocities."

It also says associates of Bin Laden have sought to obtain nuclear and chemical materials for use as terrorist weapons.

The release of the dossier by the US and Britain, which immediately won declarations of support from NATO allies and, crucially, Pakistan, and the passing by US officials of more detailed evidence to some friendly governments this week, are key steps in preparing international opinion for military action in Afghanistan which could be only days away.

The biggest manhunt in history has been made more complex by the lack of any admission of guilt by Bin Laden for the string of atrocities of which he has been accused in recent years.

While other guerrilla groups often issue warnings of attacks or statements of self-justification, Bin Laden has made only general calls and has referred to specific attacks with only enigmatically vague words of approval. He is reported to have denied responsibility for the September attacks.

Briefing allies

US officials said on Wednesday that Washington's NATO allies, Russia and Pakistan had been given similar briefings on the case against Bin Laden. Gulf states have also been shown evidence. (President Macapagal Arroyo was briefed of the evidence in Malacañang on Wednesday by the US Embassy Charge d'Affaires Robert Fitts. She said she was convinced of Bin Laden's involvement in the terrorist attacks.)

There were brief shock waves in the United States when an isolated case of anthrax infection was diagnosed in a Florida hospital before Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson stepped in to declare there was no evidence of a biological warfare assault.

Anthrax—a deadly bacterial disease spread by spores and generally confined to sheep, cattle, horses, goats and pigs—is seen as a likely agent in any biological warfare attack because it can be deployed relatively easily. Inhaling anthrax, which infects the lungs, is usually fatal.

Thompson said the case involved a 63-year-old, British-born man, an outdoorsman who could have picked up the infection from his clothes and had drunk water from a creek recently.

"There is no evidence of terrorism," he told reporters.

Black Sea crash

In another incident that kept nerves frayed, Israel suspended all flights out of Tel Aviv for several hours after a Russian TU-154 exploded and crashed in the Black Sea with 78 people on board.

Confusion surrounded the cause of the crash but the move underscored the nervousness gripping the world since the Sept. 11 attacks.

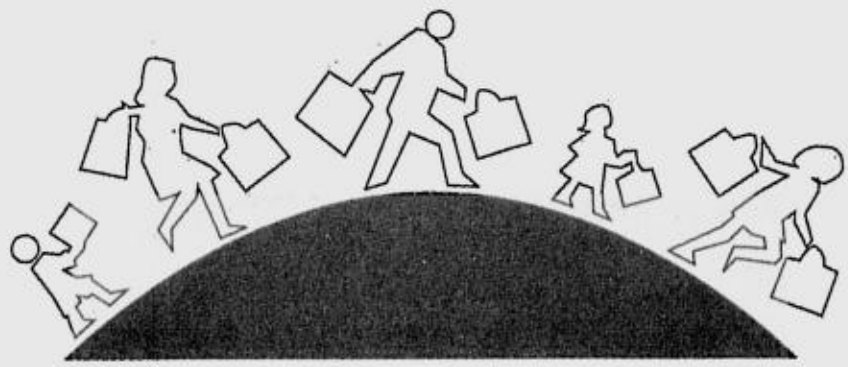
Ukraine quickly dismissed US suggestions that the plane might have been hit by an accidental missile strike from the Ukrainian military.

The mid-air explosion of the Sibir airlines jet on a scheduled flight from Tel Aviv to Novosibirsk in Siberia inevitably triggered fears of sabotage following the airliner attacks in the United States.

But Russian President Vladimir Putin called on the media not to "sensationalize" the accident, backing down from earlier comments that the crash might be a "terrorist act."

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Across the NATION

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Scams probed in Ilocos exec's slay

BY LEONCIO BALBIN JR.
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

VIGAN CITY—Police are looking into the alleged anomalies in the Ilocos Sur provincial government in the killing of Ilocos Sur auditor and his driver on Thursday in Bantay town.

Provincial auditor Agustin Chan and his driver Alex Racacho were going home to Baguio City when they were ambushed along the national highway at Sitio Baoy in Barangay Paing in Bantay, some 10 km from this capital city. Both died instantly

from Armalite bullet wounds.

Aside from the alleged anomalies in the provincial government unearthed recently by the Commission on Audit, investigators are also looking into personal grudge and sabotage as motives for the killing. Supt. Fidel Cimatu, Ilocos Sur police director, said.

Cimatu said they have witnesses who saw armed men in a green car with plate number "118" fire at the victims' white Toyota Corolla.

Recovered from the scene were 35 empty shells of M-16 Armalite rifle.

Cimatu said they received reports that Chan's killers confirmed his death through his own cellular phone.

Shortly before the attack, Chan was talking through his cellular phone to a certain Allison, an employee of the regional COA in Fernando City, regarding the monthly COA reports he was supposed to deliver on Thursday.

Allison told COA employees in Ilocos Sur that he later received a call from a man through Chan's cell phone number, saying "Patay na ang boss mo (Your boss is dead)."

The ambush came a day after the anniversary celebration of former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson's successful exposé against deposed President Joseph Estrada.

At the same time, anti-Singson groups raised issues concerning alleged anomalies committed during Singson's term that they claimed still continue under Ilocos Sur Gov. Deogracias Victor Savellano.

They said most of the alleged anomalous transactions in the provincial government were included in COA reports prepared by Chan.

Savellano, however, denied the allegations, saying that the opposition just ignored to honor the accomplishments of the provincial government.

Vice Gov. Jeremias Singson described the COA angle as a "remote possibility." "All the accusations against (Chavit Singson) had been answered," he told the INQUIRER.

Cimatu said they are not ruling out personal grudge and sabotage as motives of the killing because Chan had been handling various transactions as provincial auditor.

He said initial findings showed the hired killers were not from the province.

Chan was among those who testified during the Senate blue ribbon committee hearing on the disbursements of tobacco excise taxes in Ilocos Sur.

Then Governor Singson claimed that P130 million of the P170 million cash advance from the tobacco excise taxes was given to then President Estrada. With reports from Vincent Cabreza and Jovelyn Reyes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

'Salvage' survivors key to police probe

BY CARMELA REYES
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SAN MIGUEL, Bulacan—Police are looking for four survivors of what could be a summary execution involving suspected drug lords and pushers.

Reports said the six men, whose bullet-riddled bodies were found in a grassy lot in Barangay Sacdalan here Wednesday, had four companions who were ordered to escape. Police confirmed that the six men were residents of Gapan City in Nueva Ecija. San Miguel is the next town to Gapan.

The six men were believed executed by an anti-drug "vigilante" group in Nueva Ecija.

Police also said they had received reports that seven other bodies of suspected drug addicts and pushers had been recovered in San Leonardo town, also in Nueva Ecija.

"Mukhang may total cleansing sa mga kamay ng nasa likod ng droga ang Nueva Ecija at isa ang Bulacan sa napili nilang dumping ground," said Senior Supt. Edgardo Acuña, Bulacan police chief.

Supt. Antonio Tanchoco, Gapan police chief, said they have no suspects in the summary executions. But he said the killings could be the handiwork of the Red Vigilante Group, which is reported eliminating suspected drug pushers not only in Gapan but also in other Nueva Ecija towns.

He also said it was possible the executions were carried out by groups involved in illegal drugs.

Acuña said residents in Barangay Sacdalan, where the six bodies were recovered, told police that four other men could have survived the execution and sought refuge in the village or nearby areas.

APPEAL TO GLORIA

NY group seeks protection for 'lumads'

BUKIDNON—A New York-based human rights group and a Canadian video documentary outfit had written letters to President Macapagal-Arroyo and other officials to raise concern over alleged assaults against *lumads* in this province recently.

The attacks caused the death by stabbing of a tribal leader in Maramag town and the shooting of a chieftain's house in Don Carlos town. Both *lumads* lead land ancestral claims over areas reportedly being occupied by influential settlers and local politicians.

Fired at by three heavily armed masked men on Sept. 27 was the residence of Datu Marcial Tahuyan in Barangay Calo-calo in Don Carlos town. Wounded were Virginia Tahuyan, 45, who was hit in the thigh, and 13-year-old Mary

Ann Regala who suffered a wound in a finger.

The chieftain, however, was out to attend a meeting of Nakamata, a coalition of 10 indigenous peoples organization in south-central Bukidnon to which his group, the San Luis Bukidnon Native Farmers Association, belongs.

The coalition is providing technical and other support to its members' land claims.

The attack lasted for about five minutes, witnesses told the INQUIRER.

On Sept. 6, Samuel Bento, 50, chair of the Tribal Organization of San Jose (TOSJ), also a member organization of Nakamata, was stabbed inside a passenger jeepney.

Bento was on his way home after he had purchased fertilizers at the poblacion.

Both Bento and Tahuyan had been subjects of death threats and harassment before the assaults against them.

Bento's assailant, bakery deliveryman Vicente Orellanes, pleaded innocent. He told the INQUIRER he was provoked by the victim.

WITNESS executive director Gillian Caldwell wrote President Macapagal and other line agencies to "respectfully ask that you ensure that the police take action to protect Datu Tahuyan and other Nakamata leaders who have been threatened, and to investigate and prosecute those responsible for the attack."

WITNESS, now an independent organization, was formerly part of the prestigious Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in New

York. It arms individuals and organizations with video cameras for use in human rights defense and advocacy.

Nakamata received their digital video camera from WITNESS in August. Their video training, conducted by Kutang Bato Insights, was filmed by Canadian video documentary producers Peter Wintonick and Katerina Cizek. It will be used for a television broadcast about human rights around the world.

The documentary producers also urged the President to order the police "to properly investigate the two incidents (involving Datu Tahuyan and Samuel Bento)." They also called on the government to "swiftly and justly deal with all land claims in the region, as well as throughout the Philippines." Joey R.B. Lozano, PDI Mindanao Bureau

3 die as strong river current sweeps them

CEBU CITY—Three persons, including an infant, died after they were swept by strong river currents in Barangay Candulawan, Talisay City, about 12.8 kilometers from here.

The fatalities were identified as Virgilio Briones, 28, his nine-month-old son Justin, and his 16-year-old brother, Premie.

Julius Briones said his two brothers along with Virgilio's wife, Arlene and son Justin, went to a farm in Sitio Ilaya,

Barangay Candulawan, about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday to gather vegetables.

They brought their vegetables to the river to wash these, said Julius. But there was a sudden gush of water in the river, sweeping the four.

Arlene, who was carrying her baby, lost consciousness after her head slammed into a rock. When she woke up, Arlene immediately looked for her son.

But the people, who rescued her from the river, told Arlene that Justin was already dead.

Virgilio's body was found three hours later, at the mouth of the river in White Road, Barangay Inayawan in Cebu City, about three kilometers from Barangay Candulawan.

Premie's body was retrieved only yesterday, also in Barangay Inayawan. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW...

Recent articles and reports in the media pertaining to the alleged maltreatment of Filipino trainees in Japan, who were sent through the International Skills and Technology Transfer Program (ISTTP) of the Japan International Training Cooperation (JITCO) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), have been circulated and tend to distort the facts or misguide the general public.

So that the public may know of the truth, we, the members of the Sending Foundations of the Philippines (SOAP, Inc.) wish to inform the public of the Program.

The Program is a private arrangement between TESDA and JITCO to accept trainees from the Philippines for a 1 to 3 year technical internship program in Japan. Organized as a non-profit foundation in 1991, JITCO is composed of private accepting organizations representing the industry sector of Japan. To date, JITCO has engaged in training partnerships with more than ten countries worldwide and over 155,000 trainees of different nationalities have been training in Japan in various trades and enterprises.

Created in 1994 by Republic Act No. 7796, TESDA is tasked with developing the country's workforce to meet the challenges of trade liberalization and global competition. To meet this objective, TESDA provides relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in the Philippines.

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Prior to being sent to Japan, Filipino trainees are made to undergo a training seminar on basic Japanese culture and language by the sending organizations free of charge to ensure their assimilation and harmonious interaction with Japanese culture. The travel expenses, the passport and visa processing and medical examination fees as well as other miscellaneous expenses are all shouldered by TESDA-accredited sending organizations. There are no placement fees, recruitment fees or similar expenses charged to the Filipino trainees. In Japan, Filipino trainees are provided adequate housing and lodging facilities, daily inland transportation to and from the lodging and training site, use of appropriate corporate training and safety outfit and insurance to cope with death, health, accident or sickness, all free of charge. In addition to the invaluable training they receive to become productive members of society, trainees are provided a monthly training allowance of at least Seventy Thousand Yen to answer for their daily meals and other expenses. All these benefits and training programs are pre-approved by TESDA to ensure the welfare of our trainees.

Since 1994, a total of 1,226 trainees have been sent to Japan. Of these trainees, 527 of them have completed their training and are productively engaged in various industries in the Philippines armed with First World technical level skills.

To enhance the viability of the Program, majority of the accredited Sending Organizations (SO) organized themselves under the umbrella of SOAP, Inc. To police its ranks, SOAP, Inc. created an Ethics Committee clothed with authority to impose sanctions on erring members found violating rules and guidelines defined under the Program. It is worthy to note that Green Life and Forest Foundation, Inc. (Green Life) has been a member in good standing and it is, therefore, disturbing that it has been subjected to unjustified and unwarranted accusations. Concerned parties are invited to file and substantiate their complaints before SOAP, Inc. in order to give justice to Green Life.

It is unfortunate that misconceptions have been disseminated regarding the Program without verifying with the appropriate authorities. SOAP, Inc. supports the Program and the benefits it generates. SOAP, Inc. stands by its members of good standing in its noble objectives in promoting the sustained development of Filipinos in becoming competitive in the global market. This we state so the public may know.

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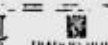
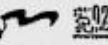
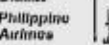


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ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

More test tube carabaos coming

BY ANSELMO ROQUE
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Five female carabaos (water buffaloes), which were recipients of embryos produced in the satellite laboratory of the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) in India, are now pregnant.

Many more are expected to be pregnant as the embryo transfer technology activity of the PCC is being carried out on carabaos owned by farmers.

The pregnant carabaos, barring miscarriages, will give birth sometime in April or May next year, PCC officials said.

Danilda Duran, head of the PCC embryo biotechnology laboratory, said 310 frozen embryos were brought to the country from India early this year. Trials in a number of female institutional herd here were proven successful.

The remaining embryos will now be transferred to selected female carabaos

owned by farmers, she said.

She said her team is leaving again for India this month to produce a minimum of 1,500 embryos.

Duran said the PCC, with support from other agencies, is aiming to produce at least 32,000 genetically superior embryos.

The production of test-tube embryos, she said, is part of the project on the production of water buffaloes through the use of reproductive biotechniques.

The project is supported by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in cooperation with Frigorifico Allana Ltd. (FAL) in Aurangabad, India.

The water buffaloes of India have been selected for the project because of their superiority in breed. They can develop into 700-kilogram animals. Their weight is double that of the average Philippine carabaos.

Females of the Indian water buffalo can

produce more than 10 liters of milk a day. The native carabaos produce an average of 1.5 liters of milk a day.

The embryos being produced by the PCC team in India are subjected to ultra rapid cooling by vitrification method and then placed in plastic straws.

They are stored in liquid nitrogen thermos bottles, which have temperatures of minus 190 degrees Celsius each.

The procedure being adopted by the team in developing the water buffalo embryos and subjecting them to cryopreservation was developed by the PCC. It is said to be the only procedure in biotechnology in water buffalo reproduction in the world today.

Embryos of water buffaloes are as tiny as the tip of the human hair, PCC scientists said.

Dr. Libertado Cruz, PCC executive director, said it was necessary to develop advanced biotechniques in carabao reproduction to hasten the development of high quality breed carabaos in the country.

A constraint in carabao reproduction, he

explained, is the characteristic of its female to be a "silent heater," making it difficult for technicians to determine when the animal is ready for artificial insemination.

Another problem in carabao reproduction was the low rate of success in artificial insemination which was only about 30 percent, he said.

Cruz said the breakthrough on the experiment on test-tube carabaos buoyed hopes for faster reproduction of quality animals.

Under the Philippine Carabao Act of 1992, the PCC is mandated to carry activities that will hasten the improvement of carabaos in the country for draft, meat, milk and hide.

It was the declining size and weight of Philippine carabaos that triggered attention for its improvement.

The PCC gene pool here has more than 600 water buffaloes imported from Bulgaria a few years back. It has also a number of selected good quality Philippine carabaos.

They are being used for crossbreeding with native carabaos.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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ROUNDUP

No funds for cops

KIDAPAWAN CITY—Due to lack of funds, no additional police officer would be deployed here despite the rising incidence of criminality, said chief of Central Mindanao police Chief Supt. Manuel Raval. He said the shortage of police officers is plaguing the entire country. Earlier, Councilor Bernardo Piñol passed a resolution appealing for additional policemen to stop criminals operating in the city. He said there are only about 70 law enforcers available for the city's peace and order campaign.

Rosa-May de Guzman, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Councilor's son nabbed

DAVAO CITY—Police arrested a son of a city councilor and his friend here on Wednesday due to alleged possession of illegal drugs, Salvador Caingles Jr., son of councilor Salvador Caingles Sr., and Renante Lusa were detained at the Talomo police station after authorities seized from them three plastic sachets allegedly containing shabu and two joints of marijuana. Their arrest came after a taxi driver drove them to the police station, instead of their destination, because of unusual behavior. The duo denied owning the seized items and said they fell asleep in the cab and woke up to see themselves in the police station. Both were later released pending results of laboratory examinations on the seized items. Councilor Caingles said his son would be answerable for his deeds if he was indeed into drugs.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Reward for prosecutors

DAVAO CITY—Davao Rep. Prospero Nograles said he is mulling the passage of a bill that would increase the retirement benefits of city, provincial and municipal prosecutors all over the country. Justice undersecretary Jose Calida, he said, is now collating proposals from prosecutors, which will become the inputs in the bill's draft. Nograles said there is a need to reward the country's prosecutors for choosing to serve the poor than opting for the lucrative private practice.

Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Relief goods seized

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The Bureau of Customs here recently seized 130 sacks of relief goods from an illegal importer in Sofronio Española town, Palawan. A Philippine Coast Guard team conducting a seaborne patrol operation made the seizure after it intercepted an unregistered motor launch carrying the relief goods at seven nautical miles from the shore of Barangay Punang. Customs collector Cornelio Baylon said the suspects tried to evade arrest when the coast guard went near them. He believed that the goods, valued at P636,000, came from Brunei, Malaysia or Indonesia.

Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Power overcharge?

LUCENA CITY—A poor family of 11 living near the city dump in Barangay Silangang Mayao cries for fairness from the Manila Electric Co. after the local branch here accused it of power pilferage. Peter Lafuente, a tricycle driver said in Filipino that the family doesn't even have a flat iron. His wife, Agrifina, said that from February to June this year, their electric bills did not arrive but when they came, the bill reached P44,433.25, far from their average monthly bills since 1994 of P200 to P500. Leonardo Uy, a Meralco local office staff here, said the Lafuente's electric meter had been found "tampered."

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Pawnshop robbery solved

SAN PABLO CITY—The March 5 robbery of a pawnshop and jewelry firm here, which cost the life of a security guard, and the succeeding bombing that wounded 39 bystanders have been declared solved following the arrest of three suspects belonging to the dreaded Martilyo Gang. Lawyer Ed Villarta, National Bureau of Investigation regional director, identified the suspects as Peng Golope, Jun Flores and one "John Doe" who were arrested and charged at the City Fiscal's Office on Sept. 27. With the arrest of the three and the killing of several other members of the gang in recent encounters with law enforcers, Villarta said, the lawless operations of the notorious group were put to a stop.

Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

NPA courier rescued

LUCENA CITY—Government soldiers rescued a 16-year-old boy from communist guerrillas during a recent operation at Barangay Tala, San Narciso, Quezon. Joemar Villanueva, a resident of Barangay Andres Bonifacio, San Narciso, said he served as a courier and collector of money and food supplies for the NPA. He said he was a candidate member of the armed propaganda unit headed by a certain Ka Ryan that operates in the Bondoc Peninsula. Col. Fernando Mesa, commanding officer of the 74th Infantry Battalion, presented Villanueva to Marichu Puyat, social welfare office head in Catanduan, Quezon. In Infanta, Quezon, Christopher Hernandez, 19, a member of the Gerilyang Platon operating in the Polillo-Real-Infanta-Nakar area surrendered to government troops, said Col. Efren Orbon, commanding officer of Army's 1st Infantry Battalion. Hernandez surrendered a cal. 30 Springfield rifle with several rounds of ammunition.

Delfin Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Women launch plan to stop Mindanao feud

A GROUP of Filipino Christian-Muslim women leaders yesterday launched plans for a series of prayer rallies in Mindanao and Metro Manila to call for an end to banditry in Mindanao and international terrorism.

A non-government organization, the Millennium Women for Peace and Development Foundation (MWPDF), said in a statement the prayer rallies will highlight the desire by both Christians and Muslims for an end to the conflict in Mindanao that has ravaged the national economy.

The first rally will be held in Iligan City on Oct. 10, followed by a gathering in Cagadbaran on Oct. 12. A big rally at the World Trade Center in Manila will be held on Oct. 22.

The MWPDF is committed to promoting peace among different cultural groups in the country, primarily in the promotion of understanding and peace between and among Muslims and Christians.

The foundation's chair, Lourdes Pimentel, wife of former Senate President and now minority floor leader Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., said "We are praying together for peace among and between Christians and Muslims, and pray that we understand each other."

"We are doing our share of trying to bring peace to this country. What the men could not accomplish in years of gun battles, the Filipino women will do in prayers," Bai Norhata Alonto, the foundation's treasurer and now commissioner of the Muslim affairs sector, said.

The women's group expressed belief that the conflict in Mindanao stems from misunderstanding and misconception on the Muslim culture.

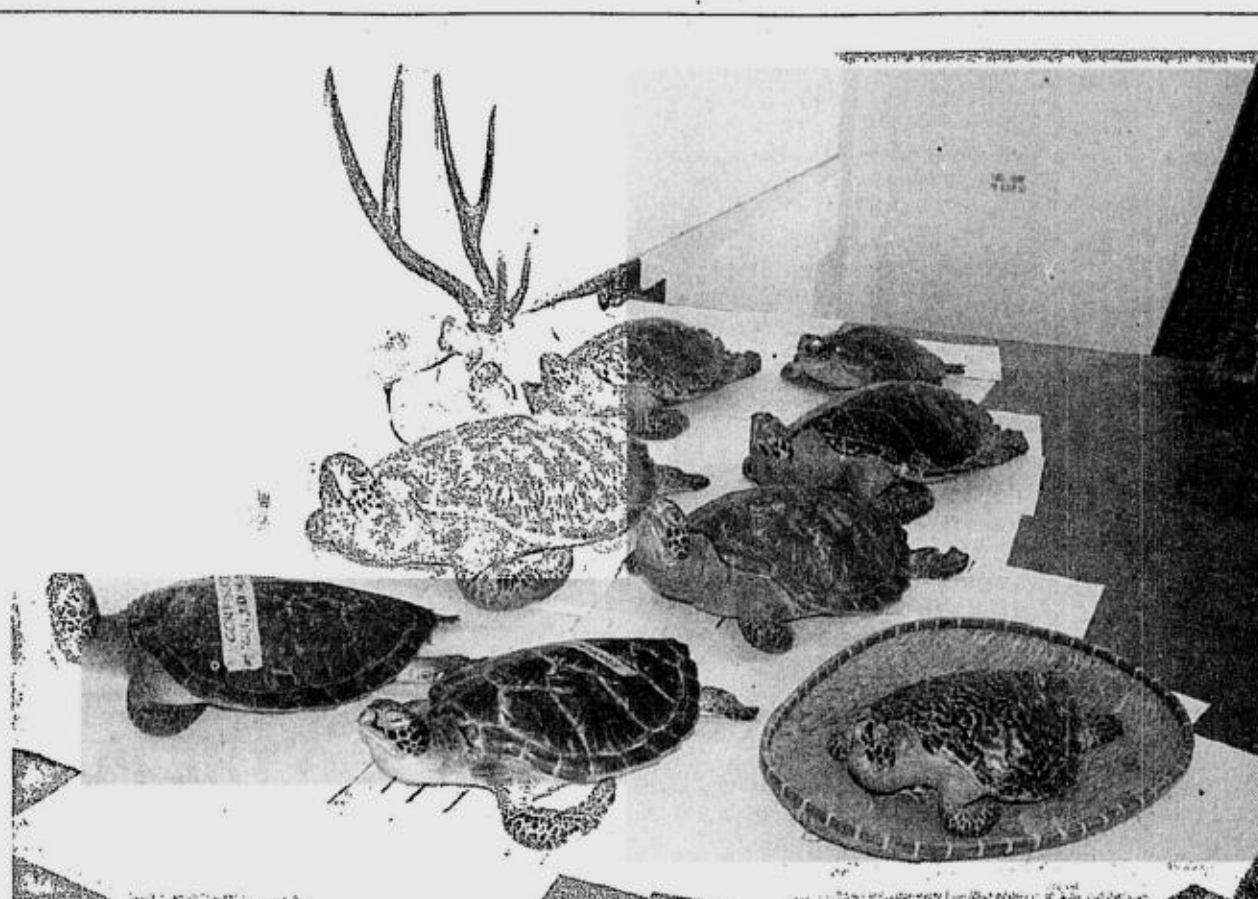
"This is a misconception that was planted in the minds of Filipino Christians by previous tyrants of the country who have failed to contain the Muslims," the group's statement said.

They have declared support for the government's effort to solve the conflict in Mindanao and efforts to combat terrorism.

The group warned, however, that "over reliance on force and fire power without prayer could lead to more problems and even expand the conflict."

"Thus we should pray for peace and seek God's intercession to end years of conflict in our country," said Bai Omerah D. Lucman, also an officer of the MWPDF.

Former Justice Regina Benitez also called on all women to join the prayer rally.



ENDANGERED TRADE

Environment officials display proof of the continuing rape of the country's marine resources. The green sea turtles, an endangered species, had been dissected and stuffed and sold to tourists. The stuffed animals were seized from passengers passing through the Mactan International Airport in Cebu.

ROMYSANTOS

War won't make E. Visayas OFWs flee

TACLOBAN CITY—At least 400 Overseas Filipino Workers from Eastern Visayas, who are working in the Middle East, have no plans of coming home despite the impending US-led global war against terrorism.

Rosario Jervoso, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) unit coordinator in Eastern Visayas, said she has not received any information that any of these OFWs planned to go home out of fear that a war might erupt in Afghanistan or in its neighboring areas.

These OFWs chose to stay with their employers because the situation in the areas where they worked had remained normal, Jervoso said.

They were also apprehensive that if they decided to go home, they would just wallow in poverty because of lack of employment opportunities here, she added.

Some of these OFWs had also already taken their vacation, which usually falls between January to August. "I don't think

they can afford to have another vacation this time," said Jervoso.

Based on POEA records, at least 400 OFWs from Eastern Visayas are working in 10 countries in the Middle East.

At least 281 OFWs are in Saudi Arabia. The others are in the United Arab Emirates (42), Qatar (20), Oman, (10), Libya (8), Kuwait (14), Bahrain (15), Jordan (4), Israel (2) and Lebanon (4). Cynthia Borqueta, PDI Visayas Bureau

Man says he's GMA bet for ARMM gov

COTABATO CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo has chosen her party's official candidate for governor in the Nov. 26 elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), according to a man who said he was the one.

"I was told officially that I am the ruling party's gubernatorial candidate," Dr. Parouk Hussin told Notre Dame Broadcasting Corp. in an interview from Manila.

Hussin is Moro National Liberation Front deputy chair for foreign affairs and convener of the MNLF's Council of 15.

His running mate is still being selected by a task force formed by the Lakas-NUCD.

Hussin said the names of former Lanao del Sur Gov. Mahid Mutilan and former ARMM education secretary Bai Sandra Sema keep coming out in the process of selection.

Those who are aspiring for President Arroyo's "blessings" include former town Mayor Ibrahim Paglas, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia Romulo Espaldon and Mutilan.

But the names that keep floating were those of Mutilan and Sema, wife of Cotabato City Mayor and MNLF secretary general Muslimin Sema. Edwin Fernandez, PDI

Isabela mayor leads war on GMO crops

ILAGAN, Isabela—Taking a bold stance against GMO-laced crops, Mayor Delfino Albano denounced in a rally here on Thursday the field trials of Bt-corn (*baillus thuringiensis*) in the province.

Albano said he was supporting the town council's resolution disallowing further field trials in the town despite the insistence by some agricultural companies willing to conduct additional tests.

Reports said Monsanto and other agricultural companies have been persuading local officials to allow additional field tests not only of Bt-corn but also of GMO-laced papaya, coconut, mango, banana and palay crops.

The Bt-corn field trial in Alanguigan 2nd in this town, which is ready for harvest this month, will be the last testing area of transgenic crop in Ilagan, officials said.

The field trial was approved during the term of defeated Ilagan Mayor Mercedes Uy.

Two other field test areas are in Barangay Villaluna in Cauayan City and Barangay Carulay in Echague town.

Eleven field trial sites in Isabela have been initially proposed.

The National Committee on Biosafety of the Philippines has approved the use of biotechnology by endorsing the field tests of other transgenic plants, it was learned.

In a public hearing here, Albano assailed the implementors of genetically modified organism-laced crops for not ensuring the safety of Filipinos and for failing to answer allegations that these plants are poisonous.

Although most of the provincial officials support the Bt-corn testing, Albano said he would not like to gamble the lives of Ilagueños.

"The safety of the Ilagueños is non-negotiable. No to Bt-corn," he said during the rally.

Research showed that Bt-corn contains toxins that kill plant pests. Nine foreign multinational companies have been identified as Bt-corn producers in the world.

Monsanto-Philippines representatives did not attend the public hearing.

Dr. Arnold Estrada, Monsanto-Philippines product development manager, reiterated that the Bt-corn crop has undergone thorough testing for toxicity, nutritional values and feed values.

Fr. Gregorio Unanan, chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Ilagan, said another foreign company also wants to conduct field tests of Bt-corn.

He said a multi-national company, Dupont Agricultural Corp., has sent representatives to persuade residents of Barangay Yeban Sur in Benito Soliven town to allow them to test the Bt-corn. Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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The global case vs Bin Laden, et al.

(From page 1)

Summary:
4. The relevant facts show:
Background:
al-Qaida is a terrorist organization with ties to a global network, which has been in existence for over 10 years. It was founded, and has been led at all times, by Osama bin Laden.

Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida have been engaged in a "jihad" against the United States, and its allies. One of their stated aims is the murder of US citizens, and attacks on America's allies.

Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida have been based in Afghanistan since 1996, but have a network of operations throughout the world. The network includes training camps, warehouses, communication facilities and commercial operations able to raise significant sums of money to support its activity. That activity includes substantial exploitation of the illegal drugs trade from Afghanistan.

Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida and the Taliban regime have a close and mutually dependent alliance. Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida provide the Taliban regime with material, financial and military support. They jointly exploit the drugs trade. The Taliban regime allows Bin Laden to operate his terrorist training camps and activities from Afghanistan, protects him from attacks from outside, and protects the drugs stockpiles. Osama bin Laden could not operate his terrorist activities without the alliance and support of the Taliban regime. The Taliban's strength would be seriously weakened without Osama bin Laden's military and financial support.

Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida have the capability to execute major terrorist attacks.

Osama bin Laden has claimed credit for the attack on US soldiers in Somalia in October 1993, which killed 18; for the attack on the US Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998 which killed 224 and injured nearly 5,000; and Bin Laden and al-Qaida were linked to the attack on the USS Cole on 12 October 2000, in which 17 crew members were killed and 40 others injured. They have sought to acquire nuclear and chemical materials for use as terrorist weapons.

In relation to the terrorist attacks on 11 September:

5. After 11 September we learned that, not long before, Bin Laden had indicated he was about to launch a major attack on America. The detailed planning for the terrorist attacks of 11 September was carried out by one of Osama bin Laden's close associates. Of the 19 hijackers involved in 11 September 2001, at least three had links with al-Qaida. The attacks on 11 September 2001 were similar in both their ambition and intended impact to previous attacks undertaken by Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida, and also had features in common. In particular:

Common features

Suicide attackers:
1. Coordinated attacks on the same day.
2. The aim to cause maximum American casualties.
3. Total disregard for other casualties, including Muslims.
Meticulous long-term planning:
1. Absence of warning.
6. al-Qaida retains the capability and the will to make further attacks on the US and its allies, including the United Kingdom.
7. al-Qaida gives no warning of terrorist attack.

The Facts:
Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida:
8. In 1989 Osama bin Laden, and others, founded an international terrorist group known as "al-Qaida" (the Base). At all times he has been the leader of al-Qaida.

9. From 1989 until 1991 Osama bin Laden was based in Afghanistan and Peshawar, Pakistan. In 1991 he moved to Sudan, where he stayed until 1996. In that year he returned to Afghanistan, where he remains.

The Taliban Regime:
10. The Taliban emerged from the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan in the early 1990s. By 1996 they had captured Kabul. They are still engaged in a bloody civil war to control the whole of Afghanistan. They are led by Mullah Omar.

11. In 1996 Osama bin Laden moved back to Afghanistan. He established a close relationship with Mullah Omar, and threw his support behind the Taliban. Osama bin Laden and the Taliban regime have a close alliance on which both depend for their continued existence. They also share the same religious values and vision.

Support to Taliban

12. Osama bin Laden has provided the Taliban regime with troops, arms and money to fight the Northern Alliance. He is closely involved with Taliban military training, planning and operations. He has representatives in the Taliban military command structure. He has also given infrastructure assistance and humanitarian aid. Forces under the control of Osama bin Laden have fought alongside the Taliban in the civil war in Afghanistan.

13. Omar has provided bin Laden with a safe haven in which to operate, and has allowed him to establish terrorist training camps in Afghanistan. They jointly exploit the Afghan drugs trade. In return for active al-Qaida support, the Taliban allow al-Qaida to operate freely, including planning, training

and preparing for terrorist activity. In addition the Taliban provide security for the stockpiles of drugs.

14. Since 1996, when the Taliban captured Kabul, the United States government has consistently raised with them a whole range of issues, including humanitarian aid and terrorism. Well before 11 September 2001 they had provided evidence to the Taliban of the responsibility of al-Qaida for the terrorist attacks in East Africa. This evidence had been provided to senior leaders of the Taliban at their request.

15. The United States government had made it clear to the Taliban regime that al-Qaida had murdered US citizens, and planned to murder more. The US offered to work with the Taliban to expel the terrorists from Afghanistan. These talks, which have been continuing since 1996, have failed to produce any results.

16. In June 2001, in the face of mounting evidence of the al-Qaida threat, the United States warned the Taliban that it had the right to defend itself and that it would hold the regime responsible for attacks against US citizens by terrorists sheltered in Afghanistan.

UN condemnation

17. In this, the United States had the support of the United Nations. The Security Council, in Resolution 1267, condemned Osama bin Laden for sponsoring international terrorism and operating a network of terrorist camps, and demanded that the Taliban surrender Osama bin Laden without further delay so that he could be brought to justice.

18. Despite the evidence provided by the US of the responsibility of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida for the 1998 East Africa bombings, despite the accurately perceived threats of further atrocities, and despite the demands of the United Nations, the Taliban regime responded by saying no evidence existed against Osama bin Laden, and that neither he nor his network would be expelled.

19. A former Government official in Afghanistan has described the Taliban and Osama bin Laden as "two sides of the same coin: Osama cannot exist in Afghanistan without the Taliban and the Taliban cannot exist without Osama."

20. al-Qaida is dedicated to opposing 'un-Islamic' governments in Muslim countries with force and violence.

21. al-Qaida virulently opposes the United States. Osama bin Laden has urged and incited his followers to kill American citizens, in the most unequivocal terms.

22. On 12 October 1996 he issued a declaration of "jihad" as follows:

Jihad declaration

"The people of Islam have suffered from aggression, iniquity and injustice imposed by the Zionist-Crusader alliance and their collaborators. . . .

It is the duty now on every tribe in the Arabian peninsula to fight jihad and cleanse the land from these Crusader occupiers. Their wealth is booty to those who kill them."

My Muslim brothers: your brothers in Palestine and in the land of the two Holy Places (i.e. Saudi Arabia) are calling upon your help and asking you to take part in fighting against the enemy the Americans and the Israelis. They are asking you to do whatever you can to expel the enemies out of the sanctities of Islam."

Later in the same year he said that: "Terrorizing the American occupiers (of Islamic Holy Places) is a religious and logical obligation."

In February 1998 he issued and signed a 'fatwa' which included a decree to all Muslims:

"... the killing of Americans and their civilian and military allies is a religious duty for each and every Muslim to be carried out in whichever country they are until Al Aqsa mosque has been liberated from their grasp and until their armies have left Muslim lands."

In the same 'fatwa' he called on Muslim scholars and their leaders and their youths to:

"launch an attack on the American soldiers of Satan," and concluded:

"We with God's help call on every Muslim who believes in God and wishes to be rewarded to comply with God's order to kill Americans and plunder their money whenever and wherever they find it. We also call on Muslims ... to launch the raid on Satan's US troops and the devil's supporters allying with them, and to displace those who are behind them."

Nuclear weapons

When asked, in 1998, about obtaining chemical or nuclear weapons he said "acquiring such weapons for the defense of Muslims (was) a religious duty."

In an interview aired on Al Jazeera (Doha, Qatar) television he stated: "Our enemy is every American male, whether he is directly fighting us or paying taxes."

In two interviews broadcast on US television in 1997 and 1998 he referred to the terrorists who carried out the earlier attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 as "role models". He went on to exhort his followers "to take the fighting to America."

23. From the early 1990s Osama bin Laden has sought to obtain nuclear and chemical materials for use as weapons of terror.

24. Although US targets are al-Qaida's priority, it also explicitly threatens the United States' allies. References to "Zionist-Crusader alliance and their



collaborators," and to "Satan's US troops and the devil's supporters allying with them" are references which unquestionably include the United Kingdom.

25. There is a continuing threat. Based on our experience of the way the network has operated in the past, other cells, like those that carried out the terrorist attacks on 11 September, must be assumed to exist.

26. al-Qaida functions both on its own and through a network of other terrorist organizations. These include Egyptian Islamic Jihad and other north African Islamic extremist terrorist groups, and a number of other jihad groups in other countries including the Sudan, Yemen, Somalia, Pakistan and India. al-Qaida also maintains cells and personnel in a number of other countries to facilitate its activities.

Shura

27. Osama bin Laden heads the al-Qaida network. Below him is a body known as the Shura, which includes representatives of other terrorist groups, such as Egyptian Islamic Jihad leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and prominent lieutenants of bin Laden such as Abu Hafas al-Masri. Egyptian Islamic Jihad has, in effect, merged with al-Qaida.

28. In addition to the Shura, al-Qaida has several groups dealing with military, media, financial and Islamic issues.

29. Mohamed Atef is a member of the group that deals with military and terrorist operations. His duties include principal responsibility for training al-Qaida members.

30. Members of al-Qaida must make a pledge of allegiance to follow the orders of Osama bin Laden.

31. A great deal of evidence about Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida has been made available in the US indictment for earlier crimes.

32. Since 1989, Osama bin Laden has conducted substantial financial and business transactions on behalf of al-Qaida and in pursuit of its goals. These include purchasing land for training camps, purchasing warehouses for the storage of items, including explosives, purchasing communications and electronics equipment, and transporting currency and weapons to members of al-Qaida and associated terrorist groups in countries throughout the world.

33. Since 1989 Osama bin Laden has provided training camps and guesthouses in Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Sudan, Somalia and Kenya for the use of al-Qaida and associated terrorist groups. We know from intelligence that there are currently at least a dozen camps across Afghanistan, of which at least four are used for training terrorists.

Income, cover

34. Since 1989, Osama bin Laden has established a series of businesses to provide income for al-Qaida, and to provide cover for the procurement of explosives, weapons and chemicals, and for the travel of al-Qaida operatives. The businesses have included a holding company known as 'Wadi Al Aqiq', a construction business known as 'Al Hijra', an agricultural business known as 'Al Thamar Al Mubarak', and investment companies known as 'Ladin International' and 'Taba Investments'.

Osama bin Laden and previous attacks:

35. In 1992 and 1993 Mohamed Atef traveled to Somalia on several occasions for the purpose of organizing vio-

lence against United States and United Nations troops then stationed in Somalia. On each occasion he reported back to Osama bin Laden, at his base in the Riyadh district of Khartoum.

36. In the spring of 1993 Atef, Saif al Adel, another senior member of al-Qaida, and other members began to provide military training to Somali tribes for the purpose of fighting the United Nations forces.

37. On 3 and 4 October 1993 operatives of al-Qaida participated in the attack on US military personnel serving in Somalia as part of the operation 'Restore Hope'. Eighteen US military personnel were killed in the attack.

Nairobi

38. From 1993 members of al-Qaida began to live in Nairobi and set up businesses there, including Asma Ltd, and Tanzanite King. They were regularly visited there by senior members of al-Qaida, in particular by Atef and Abu Ubaidah al-Banshiri.

39. Beginning in the latter part of 1993, members of al-Qaida in Kenya began to discuss the possibility of attacking the US Embassy in Nairobi in retaliation for US participation in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. Ali Mohamed, a US citizen and admitted member of al-Qaida, surveyed the US Embassy as a possible target for a terrorist attack. He took photographs and made sketches, which he presented to Osama bin Laden while bin Laden was in Sudan. He also admitted that he had trained terrorists for al-Qaida in Afghanistan in the early 1990s, and that those whom he trained included many involved in the East African bombings in August 1998.

40. In June or July 1998, two al-Qaida operatives, Fahid Mohammed, Ali Msalam and Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan, purchased a Toyota truck and made various alterations to the back of the truck.

41. In early August 1998, operatives of al-Qaida gathered in 43, New Runda Estates, Nairobi to execute the bombing of the US Embassy in Nairobi.

42. On 7 August 1998, Assam, a Saudi national and al-Qaida operative, drove the Toyota truck to the US embassy. There was a large bomb in the back of the truck.

Al 'Owail

43. Also in the truck was Mohamed, Rashid Daoud Al 'Owail, another Saudi. He, by his own confession, was an al-Qaida operative, who from about 1996 had been trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan in explosives, hijacking, kidnapping, assassination and intelligence techniques. With Osama bin Laden's express permission, he fought alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan. He had met Osama bin Laden personally in 1996 and asked for another 'mission'. Osama bin Laden sent him to East Africa after extensive specialized training at camps in Afghanistan.

44. As the truck approached the Embassy, Al 'Owail got out and threw a stun grenade at a security guard. Assam drove the truck up to the rear of the embassy. He got out and then detonated the bomb, which demolished a multi-story secretarial college and severely damaged the US Embassy, and the Cooperative bank building. The bomb killed 213 people and injured 4,600. Assam was killed in the explosion.

45. Al 'Owail expected the mission to end in his death. He had been willing to die for al-Qaida. But at the last minute he ran away from the bomb truck and survived. He had no money, passport or plan to escape after the mission, because he had expected to die.

46. After a few days, he called a telephone number in Yemen to have money transferred to him in Kenya. The number he rang in Yemen was contacted by Osama bin Laden's phone on the same day as Al 'Owail was arranging to get the money.

47. Another person arrested in connection with the Nairobi bombing was Mohamed Sadeek Odeh. He admitted to his involvement. He identified the principal participants in the bombing. He named three other persons, all of whom were al-Qaida or Egyptian Islamic Jihad members.

US Embassy blast

48. In Dar es Salaam the same day, at about the same time, operatives of al-Qaida detonated a bomb at the US embassy, killing 11 people. The al-Qaida operatives involved included Mustafa Mohamed Fadhill and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed. The bomb was carried in a Nissan Atlas truck, which Ahmed Khafkan Ghailani and Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan, two al-Qaida operatives, had purchased in July 1998, in Dar es Salaam.

49. Khalfan Khamis Mohamed was arrested for the bombing. He admitted membership of al-Qaida, and implicated other members of al-Qaida in the bombing.

50. On 7 and 8 August 1998, two other members of al-Qaida disseminated claims of responsibility for the two bombings by sending faxes to media organizations in Paris, Doha in Qatar, and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

51. Additional evidence of the involvement of al-Qaida in the East African bombings came from a search conducted in London of several residences and businesses belonging to al-Qaida and Egyptian Islamic Jihad members. In those searches a number of documents were found including claims of responsibility for the East African bombings in the name of a fictitious group, 'the Islamic Army for the liberation of the Holy Places.'

52. Al 'Owail, the would-be suicide bomber, admitted he was told to make a videotape of himself using the name of the same fictitious group.

53. The faxed claims of responsibility were traced to a telephone number, which had been in contact with Osama bin Laden's cell phone. The claims disseminated to the press were clearly written by someone familiar with the conspiracy. They stated that the bombings had been carried out by two Saudis in Kenya, and one Egyptian in Dar es Salaam. They were probably sent before the bombings had even taken place. They referred to two Saudis dying in the Nairobi attack. In fact, because Al 'Owail died at the last minute, only one Saudi died.

Time interview

54. On 22 December 1998 Osama bin Laden was asked by Time magazine whether he was responsible for the August 1998 attacks. He replied:

"The International Islamic Jihad Front for the jihad against the US and Israel has, by the grace of God, issued a crystal clear 'fatwa' calling on the Islamic nation to carry on Jihad aimed at liberating the holy sites. The nation of Mohammed has responded to this appeal. If instigation for Jihad against the Jews and the Americans . . . is considered to be a crime, then let history be a witness that I am a criminal. Our job is to instigate and, by the grace of God, we did that, and certain people responded to this instigation."

He was asked if he knew the attackers:

"... those who risked their lives to earn the pleasure of God are real men. They managed to rid the Islamic nation of disgrace. We hold them in the highest esteem."

And what the US could expect of him:

"... any thief or criminal who enters another country to steal should expect to be exposed to murder at any time . . . The US knows that I have attacked it, by the grace of God, for more than ten years now . . . God knows that we have been pleased by the killing of American soldiers (in Somalia in 1993). This was achieved by the grace of God and the efforts of the mujahideen . . . Hostility toward America is a religious duty and we hope to be rewarded for it by God. I am confident that Muslims will be able to end the legend of the so-called superpower that is America."

55. In December 1999 a terrorist cell linked to al-Qaida was discovered trying to carry out attacks inside the United States. An Algerian, Ahmed Ressam, was stopped at the US-Canadian border and over 100 lbs of bomb making material was found in his car. Ressam admitted he was planning to set off a large bomb at Los Angeles International airport on New Year's Day. He said that he had received terrorist training at al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan and then been instructed to go abroad and kill US civilians and military personnel.

USS Cole

56. On 3 January 2000, a group of al-Qaida members, and other terrorists who had trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan, attempted to attack a US destroyer with a small boat loaded with explosives. Their boat sank, aborting the attack.

57. On 12 October 2000, however,

the USS Cole was struck by an explosive-laden boat while refueling in Aden harbor. Seventeen crew were killed, and 40 injured.

58. Several of the perpetrators of the Cole attack (mostly Yemenis and Saudis) were trained at Osama bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan. Al 'Owail has identified the two commanders of the attack on the USS Cole as having participated in the planning and preparation for the East African embassy bombings.

59. In the months before the Sept. 11 attacks, propaganda videos were distributed throughout the Middle East and Muslim world by al-Qaida, in which Osama bin Laden and others were shown encouraging Muslims to attack American and Jewish targets.

Videos

60. Similar videos, extolling violence against the United States and other targets, were distributed before the East African Embassy attacks in August 1998.

Osama bin Laden and the 11 September attacks:

61. Nineteen men have been identified as the hijackers from the passenger lists of the four planes hijacked on 11 September 2001. At least three of them have already been positively identified as associates of al-Qaida. One has been identified as playing key roles in both the East African embassy attacks and the USS Cole attack. Investigations continue into the backgrounds of all the hijackers.

62. From intelligence sources, the following facts have been established subsequent to 11 September; for intelligence reasons, the names of associates, though known, are not given.

In the run-up to 11 September, Bin Laden was mounting a concerted propaganda campaign amongst like-minded groups of people including videos and documentation justifying attacks on Jewish and American targets; and claiming that those who died in the course of them were carrying out God's work.

We have learned, subsequent to 11 September, that Bin Laden himself asserted shortly before 11 September that he was preparing a major attack on America.

Warned

In August and early September close associates of Bin Laden were warned to return to Afghanistan from other parts of the world by 10 September.

Immediately prior to 11 September some known associates of Bin Laden were naming the date for action as on or around 11 September.

Since 11 September we have learned that one of Bin Laden's closest and most senior associates was responsible for the detailed planning of the attacks.

There is evidence of a very specific nature relating to the guilt of Bin Laden and his associates that is too sensitive to release.

63. Osama bin Laden remains in charge, and the mastermind, of al-Qaida. In al-Qaida, an operation on the scale of the 11 September attacks would have been approved by Osama bin Laden himself.

64. The modus operandi of 11 September was entirely consistent with previous attacks. al-Qaida's record of atrocities is characterized by meticulous long term planning, a desire to inflict mass casualties, suicide bombers, and multiple simultaneous attacks.

65. The attacks of 11 September 2001 are entirely consistent with the scale and sophistication of the planning which went into the attacks on the East African Embassies and the USS Cole. No warnings were given for these three attacks, just as there was none on 11 September.

Years of preparation

66. al-Qaida operatives, in evidence given in the East African Embassy bomb trials, have described how the group spends years preparing for an attack. They conduct repeated surveillance, patiently gather materials, and identify and vet operatives, who have the skills to participate in the attack and the willingness to die for their cause.

67. The operatives involved in the 11 September atrocities attended flight schools, used flight simulators to study the controls of larger aircraft and placed potential airports and routes under surveillance.

68. al-Qaida's attacks are characterized by total disregard for innocent lives, including Muslims. In an interview after the East African bombings, Osama bin Laden insisted that the need to attack the United States excused the killing of other innocent civilians, Muslim and non-Muslim alike.

69. No other organization has both the motivation and the capability to carry out attacks like those of the 11 September only the al-Qaida network under Osama bin Laden.

Conclusion:

70. The attacks of the 11 September 2001 were planned and carried out by al-Qaida, an organization whose head is Osama bin Laden. That organization has the will, and the resources, to execute further attacks of similar scale. Both the United States and its close allies are targets for such attacks. The attack could not have occurred without the alliance between the Taliban and Osama bin Laden, which allowed Bin Laden to operate freely in Afghanistan, promoting, planning and executing terrorist activity.

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RP boxers fight Koreans

THREE Filipino boxers clash with their respective Korean foes today in a boxing extravaganza dubbed as the "Philippine-Korean Collision" at the Parañaque City. Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation super featherweight champion Tiger Ari, World Boxing Council international flyweight champion Randy Mangubat and WBC international minimum weight champion Ernesto Rubillar test their mettle against their favored foes who arrived on Thursday.

SAMSUNG GOLFEST

Delasin ties Pak for lead in US

WITH a "little help" from a spectator, Dorothy Joy Delasin fired a two-under-par 70 yesterday for a share of the first round lead with Korean sensation Se Ri Pak in the Samsung World Championship in Vallejo, California.

Getting a mitten from a concerned spectator, Delasin survived the cold weather to Korean sensation Se Ri Pak for the lead on a course that should suit the Fil-Am golfer's playing style.

Making it to the elite 20-player cast, Delasin positioned herself well for the

\$154,000 top prize as she carded four birdies against two bogeys.

She capped her blistering round with a 15-foot birdie on the final hole.

The birdie actually gave Delasin a two-shot cushion on the 18th as Pak, winner of last week's AFLAC Champions in Alabama, had a closing bogey.

Pak and Delasin's 70s matched the highest first-round leading score of the season with the Nabisco Championship and the Williams Championship.

Only five players managed to break par due to the cool weather and biting, gusty winds.

Emilee Klein, Kelly Robbins and Sophie Gustafson turned in the other

sub-par rounds with their 71s.

Defending champion Juli Inkster lay four shots behind the joint leaders after a two-over-par 74.

Delasin is assured of winning \$13,250 even if she places 20th in this tournament.

But a hometown crowd (she lives just 30 minutes away from the course) is expected to give her the moral support she needs in her quest for a second title after retaining the Giant Eagle LPGA Classic early this year.

"I just wanted to achieve my goal going into this year, and that is to win more tournaments, get more top-10s so that I can accumulate points for the

Solheim Cup," said Delasin. "That's my goal for next year, to make the team. And to try to win majors, and to just better myself as a person and with my golf game," Delasin said.

Delasin is playing in only her 24th tournament compared to the 32 events she joined last year. *Jong Arcano*

PNP Cup today

THE CHIEF Philippine National Police Cup invitational golf tournament goes underway today at the Camp Aguinaldo golf course, with Director General Leandro R. Mendoza as guest of honor. Tee-off time starts at 6 a.m.

Pagcor to finance 100 athletes, coaches

BY MARC ANTHONY REYES

STARTING this December, 100 national athletes and coaches will be taught Physical Education teaching course right at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex free of charge to help them prepare for the future.

Association of Coaches and Athletes of the Philippines president Jaime Sebastian yesterday said his group has

struck a deal with the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation to finance the project which aims to educate Acap members.

Sebastian, a weightlifting coach, said Pagcor agreed to bankroll the education of the athletes and coaches who can turn into PE instructors after their stints with the national team.

"We want our members to have

something that will prepare them after their careers are over," said Sebastian, who was himself an illustrious national weightlifter. "And this is a good start in our campaign to drum up support for our retiring athletes."

He said the course will be taught by instructors from the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila but will be held inside the RMSC premises so the students

need not spend money for transportation.

The course is equivalent to one full semester but will involve heavy theoretical know-how which the students could use if and when they decide to work as P.E. instructors in the future.

Sebastian said Acap will choose the composition of the first batch of students but will make sure every national sports association is represented.

La Salle-Ateneo set Oct. 16

BY DENNIS U. EROA

THE DE La Salle-Ateneo do-or-die match for the UAAP men's basketball title will be held on Oct. 16 at the Araneta Coliseum, making the best-of-three championship series the longest ever since the format was introduced in 1993 along with the Final Four.

By the time a winner is declared, it would have taken 19 days for the league to decide whether Ateneo will snap a 13-year title drought or La Salle equals University of Santo Tomas' four straight

titles from 1993 to 1996.

The De La Salle Lady Archers are heavily favored to sweep the UAAP women's basketball best-of-three title series today against the University of the Philippines Maroonettes at the Ateneo Gym. Gametime is 10 a.m. MVP Rousell Ocampo, Regina Velarde and the Manalo twins (Jessica and Jessamine) banner La Salle's assault against the Camille Dowling-powered UP.

The Green Archers took Game 1, 74-68, on Sept. 27, but the Blue Eagles

forced a no-more-tomorrow match by topping Game 2, 76-72, on Thursday at the Big Dome.

The rubber match had been scheduled for today but La Salle officials requested for a postponement due to its commencement exercises. Ateneo's semestral exams further delayed the much-awaited clash between the country's top collegiate rivals.

Game 2 was delayed by a week due to another reason: the jam-packed concert of the Corrs which was held at the Araneta Coliseum on Sept. 29-30.

Shark defeats Spring

Game Today (Makati Coliseum)
2 p.m.—Spring Cooking Oil vs Welcoat Paints

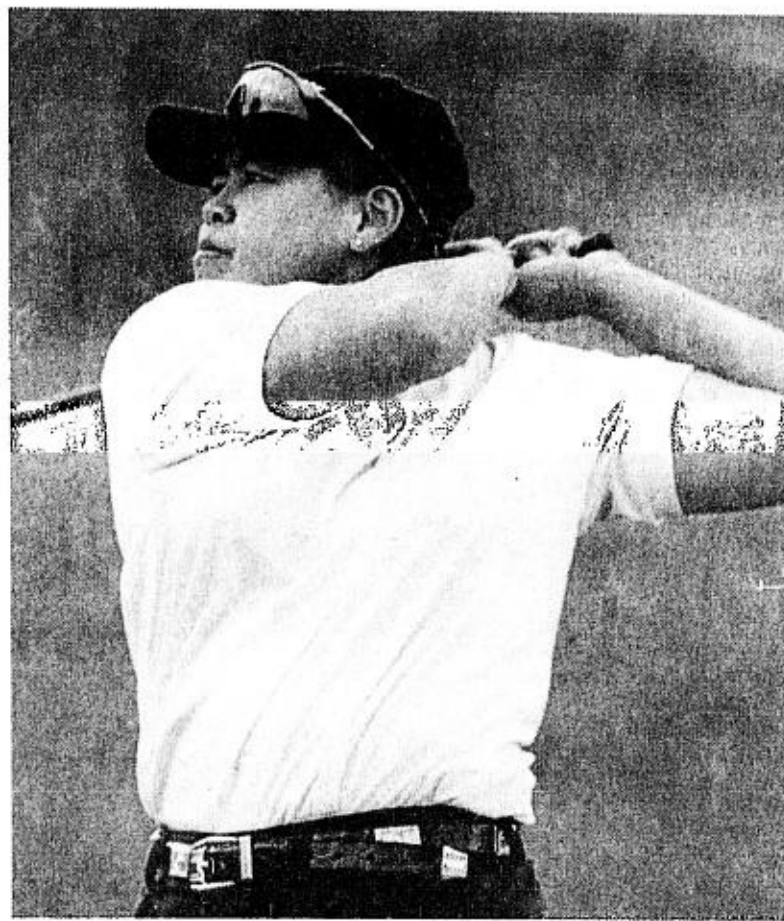
SHARK Energy Drink showed defensive brilliance down the stretch to repulse Spring Cooking Oil's hot late fourth quarter rally for an 81-69 triumph yesterday in the 1st Philippine Basketball League Open Invitational finals at the Makati Coliseum.

Not even the presence of former PBA import Bobby Parks, who finished with 26 points, seven rebounds and two assists, intimidated the Energy Boosters in the crucial stretch.

The Energy Boosters led 71-53 early in the final period when Parks, along with two triples by Ricky Ricafuente and another by John Dural, connived for a 16-6 rally that trimmed the gap to just eight, 69-77, with 1:26 remaining.

Spring Cooking Oil must win against Welcoat Paints today at 2 p.m. to stay alive. A loss will force a Shark-Welcoat rubber match for the crown on Sunday.

The Paint Masters made it to the finals via an 84-76 win over Ana Freezers Thursday night. Shark, Spring and Welcoat will battle each other in a single round-robin finals and the team with the best record will be declared champion.



DELASIN: Survives cold weather.

Jungolfers off to Wales

THREE Junior golfers of the Philippine Junior Golf Federation left last night for Australia to participate in the Jack Newton International Junior Golf Classic scheduled on Oct. 9-12 at the Oaks Golf Club in Cessnock, New South Wales.

Jenz Tecson and Kevin Lachica topped the qualifying process that determined the two players financed by former junior golf standout and now pro Gerard Cantada from part of his winnings in this year's Philippine Open.

He donated the rest of the winnings to victims of the Mayon Volcano eruption. Joining the two is Freecce Tecson. The three have long been training under Gerard and are well prepared for the event. The delegation is headed by federation president Edgardo "Tito Boy" Cantada with Gerard as coach.

This is the 13th straight year that the Federation, with support from Milo and Outback Steakhouse. Former winners in this event were Gerard Cantada, Cosco Oben and Jason Gironella.

Asian Xtour visits Manila

TOYOTA Motor Philippines said yesterday it will bring the Asian X tour, qualifying game for the Asian X Games, in Manila. The event will be held from Oct. 20-21 at the Glorietta Mall, Goldcrest Parking Lot in Ayala Center, Makati City.

Toyota's involvement in the X Games started in 1999 with the Asian qualifier. The Manila event features competitions such as aggressive in-line skating, skateboarding and bicycle stunt riding.

"Toyota would like to present the best possible opportunity to experience the games both for young ath-

letes and for fans of action sports. This sponsorship is part of Toyota's commitment to contribute to Philippine society not only through providing quality vehicles but also through cultural and sporting events," said Toyota Motor executive vice president Makoto Ono.

The Asian X Games will be held from Jan. 28-Feb. 3, 2002 in Kuala Lumpur. Athletes from six countries will fight for honors.

Spectators will also see the new sports pickup from Toyota, the Hilux 4x4 SR5 which boasts of a new hood design and body contours.



70 HOMERS

San Francisco Giants' outfielder Barry Bonds hits his 70th home run of the season in the ninth inning against the Houston Astros, tying Mark McGwire's record. Richey Henderson of the San Diego Padres passed Ty Cobb as career runs leader after hitting a homer over the LA Dodgers for his 2,246th run.

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AT SANTA ANA BY Mr. 999

Race 1—1. Harvesting Game 2. Hercules 3. Waving Oscar
 Race 2—1. Modulo Queen/Hinobaan's Pride 2. Brilliant Leader 3. Angelovich
 Race 3—1. Worth Ur While 2. Grupo Grupo 3. Isabel's Gossip 4. Rindo Maker 5. Hello Paul

Race 4—1. The Serpent 2. Dona Evelyn 3. Sukiyaki Blues 4. Baby Love
 Race 5—1. Lucky Gambit 2. Bold Advance 3. Marginal Note 4. Touch of Jax 5. Photogenic

Race 6—1. Tigra 2. Free Wind 3. Scream 4. Secret Currency 5. Wassapenn 6. Juan Marco
 Race 7—1. Free Bee 2. Gold Pyramid 3. Chief Navigator 4. Dynamite Miss

Race 8—1. Mr. Bulisseyo 2. Battle Tested 3. Kentucky Gold 4. Ahead of Time 5. King Size
 Race 9—1. Sparkling Sky 2. James Joy 3. Secret Quest 4. Baby My Beloved/Freshman 5. Silver Lining

Race 10—1. Exchange Deal 2. T Square 3. Millennium Man 4. Big Kahuna 5. Miss Slewman
 Race 11—1. Morning Glory 2. Boy from Brazil 3. Be Ready 4. Power Corrupts 5. Rivine Master

Race 12—1. Maglo Fingers/Rain Check 2. Due Process 3. Poblacion 4. Always on D Go
 Race 13—1. May's Magic 2. Southern Skies 3. Diligence 4. Noble Principality 5. The Bronx 6. Caesar's Inn

SLR posts 6th win

GAME TODAY (Cebu City)
4 p.m.—Tandauy vs Alaska

BY JUNE NAVARRO

DAMIEN OWENS saved the night for Sta. Lucia Realty as the Realtors escaped with a heart-stopping 121-118 overtime victory over Barangay Ginebra to remain unbeaten in six games yesterday in the PBA Governors Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

Owens sank a jumper in the last 16 seconds as the Realtors bolted out from an airtight contest in the extra period. Mark Caguioa tried to equalize on a drive but failed after losing the ball at the endline before Felix Belano sealed the Realtors' sixth win with two freebies.

"This game proved that we can survive on tough games. But frankly, I prefer our last five matches where we easily won," said Sta. Lucia coach Norman Black.

The Kings, who came to life in the fourth period behind Caguioa's snipings, failed to keep up with the Realtors in

the stretch and suffered their third defeat in six games. They battled back from 17 points down in the third quarter as Mark Jones, Jun Limpot, Vergel Meneses and Caguioa pooled their resources together.

Earlier, Shell held Roselle Ellis in cold storage in the final period as it ended Pop Cola's four-game streak with a 90-83 victory.

Askia Jones led the Turbo Chargers to another whirlwind finish as he strung up 9 of his 34 points in the fourth that took the sting out of the Panthers. It was the Turbo Chargers' third win in five games while the Panthers absorbed their third loss after winning four consecutive matches.

SHELL 90—Jones 34, Telan 17, Slingman 14, Dela Cruz 9, Walwright 5, Hrabak 5, Jackson 3, Esplana 3, Marzan 0, Paras 0.

POP COLA 83—Ellis 25, Junilo 17, Abarrintos 11, Asaytono 8, Ballesteros 7, Hatfield 6, Bolado 5, Lastimosa 2, Morano 2.

Quarters: 28-22, 47-46, 66-68, 90-83

Andok's rips Davao

Games Tomorrow (San Juan Gym)
3:00 p.m.—Socsargen vs Cebu
5:30 p.m.—Balangas vs San Juan

ANDOK'S San Juan heavy artillery was in full display yesterday as it repeated over TPG Davao, 129-109, in the MBA Second Phase at the Tinga Gym in Taguig.

With Bruce Dacia at the helm, seven Knights knocked in twin digits each as they posted their fourth straight win after dropping their first game and boosted their bid for a semifinal slot in the Northern Conference.

The 6-foot-3 Dacia, gliding through the air for drives and snap jumpers, pumped in 16 of his team-high 29 points in the third quarter and the Knights proceeded to duplicate their 108-81 conquest of the Eagles on Sept. 28.

Dacia's explosion pushed San Juan ahead, 97-87, and the Knights could get no closer than five points despite Gen-

esis Sasuman's three triples in the period. Sasuman wound up the game's high scorer with 30 points.

The Knights then finished off the Eagles with a flurry of points from Dacia, Omanzie Rodriguez, Chris Calaguio and Rafi Reavis.

Though Chito Vicolero scored only seven points, he again demonstrated his value to the Knights with 12 assists and four steals, complementing the 52-point combined output of Dacia and Calaguio.

Other Knights in double figures were Kalani Ferreria with 14, Rafi Reavis 13, Gilbert Castillo 11, Randy Alcantara 11 and Omanzie Rodriguez 10.

TPG Davao suffered its third consecutive setback in as many outings and is in the bottom of the Southern Conference.

Cebuana Lhuillier struggled past Socsargen, 90-86, in the second game to improve to 3-2. Socsargen fell to 0-6.

Roy Luarca

Training camp opens

NBA training camps officially opened on Oct. 2 with several clubs carrying the maximum 20 players on their rosters.

Teams that have brought the maximum number of players to camp are the Miami Heat, Philadelphia 76ers, Washington Wizards and New Jersey Nets, all of whom reside in the Atlantic Division, and the reigning NBA titlist LA Lakers. They must prune down their active roster to no more than 12 players when the regular hostilities start on Oct. 30 and can only have three more at most on the injured list by the time.

The LA Lakers, who are seeking a rare title "three-peat," have 20 men in camp although three are on the sidelines due to an assortment of injuries—two-time NBA Finals MVP Shaquille O'Neal, playmaker Derek Fisher and backup frontliner Mark Madsen.

Coach Phil Jackson has invited several nondescript players with no chance to make the official roster to

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Henry Liao



scrimmage with the team. Among them are 6-11 Peter Cornell (a 1998 Loyola Marymount grad who has had a brief stint with New Jersey), 6-4 Isaac Fontaine (NBA rookie free agent from Washington State), 6-0 Joe Crispin (undrafted rookie out of Penn State) and 6-10 Paul Shirley (undrafted rookie from Iowa State).

The key additions to the team that registered an NBA record-setting 15-1 playoff mark en route to a second consecutive league championship are guards Mitch Richmond, Dennis Scott (the Lakers' designated three-point shooter to break the zone defenses to

be implemented in the NBA for the first time ever this campaign) and Lindsey Hunter (a trade acquisition from Milwaukee who will fill the void left by Fisher, who is sitting out the entire camp and won't be available for service until at least December due to a July 3 surgery for stress fracture in his right foot) and power forwards/centers Samaki Walker (free-agent pickup from San Antonio), Dickey Simpkins (free-agent pickup who sat out last season but played for Jackson during Chicago's three-year title run from 1996-98) and Jelani McCoy (a UCLA alum who left Seattle after three seasons).

Walker is the prime candidate to start at power forward in lieu of Horace Grant, a free agent who decided to return to Orlando. Simpkins or McCoy could stick around as Madsen does not figure to be activated until December after having torn ligaments in his left wrist repaired last July 3.

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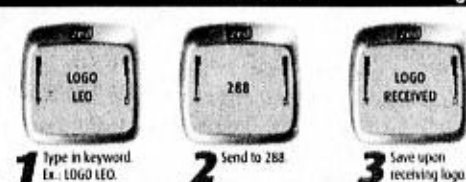
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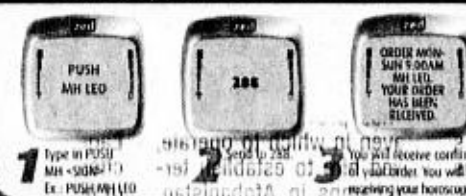
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LOUIE C. CAMINO, Editor

4 charged with murder in botched buy-bust job

BY MICHAEL LIM UBAC

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation yesterday filed multiple murder charges against four men for their part in the killing of four people, including an NBI agent, in Quezon City.

Charged before the Quezon City prosecutors office were Misuari Macarambong, Suliman

Madadra, and brothers Ali and Jamal Dicompong.

The four men are detained at the NBI jail. NBI Narcotics Division agents rounded up seven residents of North Fairview on Wednesday and Thursday in a follow-up operation to what started out as a buy-bust that ended in a bloodbath.

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The best weapon against 'KFR'

BY ANN VERZOSA

WHAT can the average Filipino earner do to avoid being a victim of kidnapping for ransom (KFR)?

Police Deputy Director General Hermogenes E. Ebdane Jr., newly designated chief of the National Anti-Crime commission's Anti-Kidnapping for Ransom Task Force (Naktraf), offers five must-do tips to avoid being a KFR victim.

"Prevention through vigilance and awareness of how KFR gangs work is the best weapon against KFR," said Ebdane.

"Our experience shows that when people and police work together, the victim is rescued and suspects are arrested," he said. "When the case is reported immediately, we have a 99 percent solution rate."

Ebdane's tips are practical, if sometimes bordering on the paranoid, but paranoia is better than paying ransom, don't you think?

Tip #1. Vary your day-to-day routine, especially travel routes and hang-out places.

"Once you become predictable, you set yourself up to be a target," explained Ebdane.

Tip #2. Appoint a security officer within the family.

"One member must act as the security officer



EBDANE



RICKY Belmonte with his children Renzo and Sheryl in 1992. FILE PHOTO

2 kids, ex-wife not coming for Ricky's burial

BY MARINEL R. CRUZ

RICKY Belmonte will be laid to rest tomorrow at the La Loma Cemetery in Manila even without the presence of two of his three children and his former wife, one of his brothers told the Inquirer Thursday night.

Belmonte, who succumbed to a massive stroke early Sunday, will be buried tomorrow even as his children Sheryl and Patrick and former wife Rosemarie Sonora, who are all based in San Francisco, have told their relatives here that they could not come home, Belmonte's younger brother Danny Cruz said.

Only Renzo (formerly known as Wowie) is here to bury their father.

Renzo was not at the wake at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in Makati Thursday night because

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Lacson trying to buy SC on Kuratong

BELEAGUERED Sen. Panfilo Lacson is making full use of the tactics he learned in the military: The best defense is offense. When cornered, create a diversion to confuse the enemy.

Lacson's accusation in his privilege speech that First Gentleman Mike Arroyo misused funds of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) should be taken in that light.

Lacson is cornered. Every day, a new witness comes out saying he engaged in kidnapping for ransom, drug trafficking, smuggling and murder when he was still in the service. He keeps parrying blows to his integrity.

So, he goes on the offensive in an effort to make the enemy retreat.

Lacson, a retired four-star police general, targets a non-combatant, thinking his detractors might ease up on their attacks. First Gentleman Mike Arroyo gets the brunt of Lacson's counter-

attack because he's the most vulnerable.

But Lacson's strategy will not work simply because the citizenry sees through his deception.

The citizenry is still focused on the charges that he committed heinous crimes when he was supposed to prevent them.

Even perennial critic Manoling Morato, former PCSO chair, doesn't believe that Mike Arroyo made a milking cow of the government charity agency.

"I find it rather improbable for the ruling party to have 'dipped their fingers' into the PCSO funds without the approval of the board of directors and without the knowledge of the PCSO resident auditor and her staff of about 25 from COA (Commission on Audit) assigned to the PCSO, the head of the internal audit and the accounting department," Morato said in a press statement yesterday.

Morato is right: The amount of P250 million which Lacson said was disbursed to Mike Arroyo to support some ad-

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



ministration candidates during the last election was too big to have escaped the notice of COA auditors at the PCSO.

Lacson made a mistake when he picked a fight with fellow Sen. Joker Arroyo, who's no pushover. The senator from Cavite implicated the Makati senator's two relatives in the supposed PCSO scam when they were supposed to be minding their own lucrative businesses.

Joker Arroyo is a fighter. But unlike Lacson, Joker fights even. Joker, however, gives his enemy a dose of his own medicine.

Nakahanap ka ng katapat mo kay

Joker, Ping.

Former Sen. Ernesto Maceda made the same mistake in quarreling with Joker Arroyo when he was still Cory Aquino's executive secretary. The witty Arroyo brought up the matter of Maceda's make-up kit.

Baka yung merthiolate na nilalagay mo sa pinsig mo para maging rosy cheeks ka ay ibunyag ni Joker, Ping.

I have it on very good authority that Lacson tried to negotiate with some Supreme Court justices to give him a favorable ruling on the Kuratong Baleleng case. The high court will decide whether to allow a lower court to continue to hear the multiple murder case despite a lapse of time before it was filed.

Lacson reportedly approached an associate justice who is an Erap appointee so this justice would talk to the ponente to write a favorable decision.

But the Erap-appointed justice reportedly turned down Lacson's plea, saying the ponente couldn't be influenced.

The real reason the justice would not talk to the ponente is because this justice believes Lacson ordered the killing of publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer, the justice's *kababayan*.

The appointments of former immigration commissioner Rufus Rodriguez and former Justice Secretary Artemio Tuquero as ambassadors show that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is trying to make peace with the opposition for the sake of the country's unity.

Rodriguez was made ambassador to Germany, while Tuquero was named envoy to Canada. Both were very close to former President Erap. Rodriguez was even the lawyer and chief of staff of former first lady and now Sen. Loi Estrada during the election.

Since the President is trying to reach out to them, it's now the turn of the opposition to meet her halfway.

Receiving GMA's proffered hand of friendship doesn't mean surrender on the part of Erap's loyalists. It means working hand in hand

with the administration to find solutions to pressing problems.

But that doesn't mean the opposition should give up its adversarial role that is so vital in a democratic state.

Some administration senators who oppose Rodriguez's appointment say they will dig up irregularities he committed while he was immigration commissioner.

They will be disappointed because they won't find any.

Rodriguez was one of the most honest immigration commissioners.

Erap's attire at the Sandiganbayan Monday—windbreaker and slippers—once again shows his "kanto boy" frame of mind. He thinks he's handsome in that kind of get-up.

If it were only possible to wear *karsonsilyo* or be naked from the waist up, the ex-president would have done it to make a fashion statement.

Talagang makapal ang mukha.

The best weapon against 'KFR'

(From page A19)

and remind everyone about precautions, as well as make sure that some basic systems are in place and working.

Tip #3. Report any suspicious characters or events to the barangay patrol or police immediately.

"Act on your instincts. If things don't look or feel right, call or go to your nearest police or barangay station."

Tip #4. Organize neighborhood vigilance networks.

"The more people who watch out for each other's safety, the safer everyone will be. When neighbors are alert and able to share the responsibility of keeping your families safe, KFR groups will not be able to operate freely."

Tip #5. Learn to take evasive actions.

"Knowing what to do in the face of forcible abduction is a must for everyone. Taking the initiative and being ready for the worst is good preparation for whatever may come."

Working as one

The Naktaf chief is quick to emphasize that prevention goes hand in hand with strong com-

munity action.

"The bottom line in our fight against KFR is united action," he said. "By this, we mean people and police working together, working as one."

"If we are vigilant, the snatching of potential victims becomes more difficult. When we share the responsibility of fighting KFR, the criminals will not be able to operate as easily."

Naktaf operations tap the strengths of the Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the National Bureau of Investigation and other government agencies involved in the anti-KFR campaign. With offices in the country's three main islands, Naktaf takes on the role as lead agency against the 78 KFR groups all over the Philippines.

"Report incidents of KFR to Naktaf and other trusted institutions," Ebdane said. "The sooner you report, the greater our chances to succeed."

"Be vigilant, get involved, take a stand and work together with us to kick out KFR."

On the way out?

He said that in the last nine

months of 2001, a total of 76 KFR incidents were reported to the police. Of these, 40 have already been solved. That's a crime solution efficiency rate of 52.6 percent, Ebdane pointed out.

Is KFR on the way out? At the height of the KFR wave in 1997, the national average was one KFR incident every 2.4 days, he said. "That was the time when KFR gangs went about their business with impunity. It seemed that when you opened the papers in the morning, you were sure to see another report on the latest KFR incident."

Three years later, in the year 2000, KFR incidents had gone down to one every 7 days, he said. While the efforts to ferret out KFR gangs have been relentless, Ebdane and others who are at the forefront of the anti-KFR campaign say that prevention is the best cure.

The Naktaf chief is more emphatic about the big role that prevention can play in finally getting rid of KFR.

"Time and again, we have told the potential victims, particularly the ones in the Filipino-Chinese community, that they should invest in security personnel and systems," Ebdane said. "The cost of a few

hundred thousands is definitely more affordable than millions in ransom money."

Why KFR grew

Having studied the crime of KFR and the mindset of the KFR criminal, Ebdane has this to say: "The growth of KFR in the last seven years can be traced to two things. One, the reluctance of victims and their families to cooperate with the police has made it easier for ransom to be demanded and collected."

"Two, the large financial gain is very attractive compared to the risks involved. With just one KFR case, an entire group can take care of their needs for a few months, giving them time to plan out their next operation. With united action, we can make KFR very dangerous for the criminals."

The spate of cases over the last nine months has raised alarm bells all over. Security guards in posh subdivisions are stricter, demanding every kind of ID and checking car trunks with dogged regularity. Even middle-class families and OFW beneficiaries are more cautious about their moves, and more suspicious about shady characters in the neighborhood.

Mebalo commendations and P7,000 cash each.

Aliño announced that EPD would also honor the two women who he said should serve as examples to their colleagues.

2 kids, ex-wife ...

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his wife is expecting to give birth any moment now, according to Cruz. "I told him, 'we'll take care of things here, you attend to your family's needs.'"

Cruz said that more than a year ago, Belmonte (Jesus "Jessie" Cruz in real life) suffered a blood clot in his left eye, a condition called subconjunctival hemorrhage, which he believed was a sign of his brother's imminent stroke. This also caused Belmonte's left eye to blur for a time, Cruz said.

He said his brother had felt dizzy and collapsed a month ago. A doctor near his home in BF Parañaque advised him to rest and to have a specialist check up on him.

Feeling better after several days, Belmonte ignored the physician's advice. "Jessie would not complain whenever he was sick," Cruz said.

He said he and Belmonte used to go biking around their village. "He would ride his mountain bike only when he was in the mood," Cruz shared.

Mona Claudio, owner of New EBQ Bicycle, said Belmonte visited her shop early Saturday morning to have his bike repaired. Claudio described Belmonte as a "very kind man" and a proud grandfather. "He would always say, 'hinihintay ko si Sheryl, gusto kong makita ang apo ko,'" said Claudio.

She said the actor went to her shop weekly, sometimes bringing

along his eldest son Renzo and the latter's wife Melody.

Some of the people present at the wake Thursday night were actor Eddie Gutierrez, his wife actress and talent manager Annabelle Rama and singer/songwriter Jose Mari Chan and wife Mary Ann.

Belmonte "was a humble and generous man," said Chan. He said he went on a lot of trips with Belmonte and his daughter Sheryl.

"Whenever Sheryl and I would have concerts in Manila or in the provinces, Ricky would always come along," Chan shared. "Though he was a star in his own right, he didn't mind being backstage."

Gutierrez could still clearly remember the long talks he and Belmonte shared in the latter's house during Christmases past. "I would visit him in his house because Christmas Eve is his birthday."

"Ricky is a good man," Gutierrez added. "I had never heard him say anything bad about anyone."

Belmonte was the founder of the 747 Band, of which Cruz and three other brothers are members. The band plays regularly at the Captain's Bar of Mandarin Oriental Manila.

Cruz said his brother would do anything for the band. "Gusto niya yung gamit namin wala sa ibang banda," Cruz recalled.

Before his death, Belmonte was part of the cast of ABS-CBN's daily soap "Sa Dulo ng Walang Hanggan."

UPLB homecoming

ALUMNI and resident members of the Sigma Rho Fraternity of University of the Philippines at Los Baños will gather on the UPLB campus tomorrow, Oct. 7, for the fraternity's homecoming.

The event, which coincides with the Loyalty Day celebrations of the university, will mark the launching of several projects that lead up to the 50th anniversary of the Sigma Rho UPLB in 2007.

John Fabio Ramon Ito '57, Grand Archon of Sigma Rho, said that chief among these projects is the con-

struction of Tahanang Rhosig, a proposed three-story structure that will serve as the fraternity's permanent command center and venue for its numerous activities.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. at the Sigma Rho Tambayan. A luncheon will be held at the Avila Resort at Miramonte Village, Pansol.

For details, please contact Brothers Franklin de la Cruz, '87 (821-6705; 0917-2416-078, skipdile@i-manila.com.ph; DJ Coronacion, '97 (0919-3203-353) and Potch Santos, '98 (0917-8143-473).

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Saturday, October 6, 2001
26th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading:
Gospel:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

The seventy-two disciples returned full of joy. They said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed us when we called on your name." Then Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. You see, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the Enemy, so that nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the evil spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven."

At that time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and made them known to the little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. I have been given all things by my Father, so that no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and he to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Then Jesus turned to his disciples and said to them privately, "Fortunate are you to see what you see, for I tell you that many prophets and kings would have liked to see what you see but did not, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Commentary:

The seventy now return to Jesus. Earlier they were sent by him. As they are impressed by their new power, Jesus corrects them for directing their attention to the startling charisms. Rather, they are to rejoice for their names are written in heaven. They have been docile and available in their mission. Then as Jesus thanks the Father, he makes a revelation. The secret of the Father is revealed to the humble, not to those who put their trust in their sacred learning. The Father does not reveal the Son. He proclaims him, "This is my Son." It is Jesus the Son who reveals the Father. Hence the need to know Jesus more in order to know the Father who assures us of our salvation.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

CRIMINAL LAW (AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES)—Evident premeditation—The lower court correctly rules that there was no aggravating circumstance of evident premeditation. Indeed, there is no evidence showing (a) the time when accused-appellants determined to commit the crime; (b) acts manifestly indicating that they had clung to their determination; and (c) a sufficient lapse of time between the determination and the execution to allow them opportunity to reflect upon the consequences of their acts and to allow their conscience to overcome the resolution of their will. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Mendoza, Second Division, People v. Amazan, G.R. Nos. 136251, 138606 and 138607, January 16, 2001]

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METROBRIEFS

Woman jumps from billboard

MAXIMA Corredo, 48, yesterday morning was seriously injured after she jumped from a 20-foot billboard of former Rep. Dante Liban in front of the House of Representatives in Quezon City. "She was causing a commotion earlier and so we brought him here to the station," PO3 Remo Duro said of the Batasan Hills police. They were supposed to turn her over to the Department of Social Welfare and Development but they noticed she had a mental problem and so they decided to take her to the National Institute for Mental Health in Mandaluyong. "But she said she did not want to go back there. She said she had been to Mandaluyong four times and she was electrocuted." They were about to leave the station on board a patrol car when Corredo suddenly got out and climbed the 20-foot billboard. "She was dancing at the top and so we called up the fire department to get a fire truck with a ladder," Duro said. But when the fire truck arrived and firemen started putting up the ladder, Corredo got frightened and jumped, police said. *Philip C. Tubeza*

Stabbed man dies in police station

MARCELO Fallores on Wednesday made it to the Novaliches police station despite having been stabbed several times. But before policemen could get his story, Fallores collapsed just as he stepped into the station and he died while they were taking him to a hospital about 6:15 a.m., said SPO1 Rodrigo Barrameda. PO1 Davince Enano said he was in the station when Fallores came, bleeding from several stab wounds in different parts of the body. Police were still trying to look for witnesses to find out what really happened to Fallores. *Philip C. Tubeza*

Train, van run over 2 boys

A 16-YEAR-OLD boy was killed by a train in Sampaloc, and a 3-year-old boy was run over by a van in Tondo, both in Manila, yesterday and on Thursday. Ryan Castro, 16, was sleeping on a folding bed beside the railroad tracks when a passing train hit him and dragged him to his death in Sampaloc at 4:10 a.m. yesterday, said PO2 Luisito Acibucbe. Castro's parents said their out-of-school son often slept along the railway because their house was small and hot. Traffic police commander Supt. Roberto dela Rosa said he was considering whether to file a case of obstruction of justice against the St. Mark Funeral Parlor on G. Tuazon Street whose employees reportedly took Castro's remains even before investigators could arrive. In Tondo, 3-year-old Eser Naviso III was hit and run over by a van Thursday afternoon. Mariano Añonueva, 31, was backing his Toyota Revolver along Narcisa Rizal when, at 4:30 p.m., he hit the boy who was playing on the street with other children. Añonueva is facing charges of reckless imprudence resulting in homicide. *Jerome Aning*

Guard accused of raping girl, 16

SECURITY guard Angelo Daug, 24, was accused of raping on Wednesday a 16-year-old-girl inside the NDC International Complex on Dagat-Dagatan Road in Malabon. Immediately after the alleged rape, the girl phoned police who arrested the guard near the complex. The suspect is detained in the city's police headquarters. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Housewife hangs self

HOUSEWIFE Evangeline Estabaya, 31, on Wednesday night was found hanging in the toilet of her house in Fortune Village 2 in Valenzuela City, police said. A relative found her body around 11:30 p.m., said SPO4 Arthur Quinonez of the Valenzuela police. Relatives told police that earlier that day, Estabaya had been curiously silent before she went to the comfort room. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Vendor slain on board jeep

FISH vendor Carlito Doroteo, 40, on Thursday chanced upon his arch-enemy in Navotas and met his death. Doroteo, of San Roque, Navotas, was stabbed at least five times and died on the way to a nearby clinic. He was on his way home when he chanced upon the still unidentified suspect in a jeepney around 2 p.m., police said. The suspect immediately stabbed Doroteo several times and then fled. *Christian V. Esguerra*

Thieves sell loot to victim's friend

FELOJINA Torejoy, 44, thought she had lost her Kawasaki motorcycle for good after three unidentified men took it before dawn yesterday. But the suspects made the big blunder of trying to sell it to Torejoy's friend. She had left her motorcycle unattended at the corner of Visayas and Tandang Sora avenues in Quezon City. When she came back around 1 a.m., the motorcycle was gone. A few hours later, she got a call from a friend in Tandang Sora who said a group of men was trying to sell a motorcycle to the unidentified friend. Torejoy called up policemen at the Central Police District (CPD) Station 3 in Talipapa, Tandang Sora, who arrested Mompil Kim and brothers Jose and Arnold Bantasan, said Supt. Rosendo Franco, Talipapa police station chief. *Philip C. Tubeza*

Rizal Park tree-planting

THE NATIONAL Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines headed by Dr. Concordia M: Pascual and the Metro Manila Council of Women Balikatan Movement headed by Leonarda N. Camacho will celebrate the United Nations-mandated Universal Children's Day with a tree planting by children of the diplomatic corps at the Rizal Park today.

Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan will be

the guest of honor.

Among the tree planters are children of diplomats from

Argentina, Cambodia, Chile, European Union, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Burma, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Japan, Switzerland, China, and Malaysia.

Mandarin hotel seminar

A PRESTIGIOUS hotel management school in Switzerland, Hotel Institute Montreux (HIM) whose students come from all over the world, invites students, graduates and parents to a free two-hour seminar and career counseling at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Makati City at 2 p.m. today.

HIM regional marketing direc-

tor Lisa Malonda is coming to Manila to be the speaker, invited by Dr. Corazon Gatchalian, HIM's Philippine representative and president of Global Campus Career Specialists.

Inquiries may be made through 0917-4836-518, 0917-409-8345 or globalcampus88@yahoo.com.



Get well soon!

To all the kids who are sick with cough, colds and flu, we hope you feel better soon! Your friends —and teachers — miss you! That's why we're here to help nurse you back to health so you can stop sniffing and start laughing. And you can get out of your bed and back to school. The sooner the better.



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Messages



It is with distinct pleasure that I impart my warmest felicitations to the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center (CGHMC) on its 110th Anniversary. Congratulations, too, on the inauguration and opening of The CGH Medical Suites, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Section and Linear Accelerator/Radio Therapy Department.

For more than a century, the CGHMC has been a consistent provider of high quality medical care to millions of Filipinos. Its free medical missions have benefited our countrymen, especially the underprivileged, and have helped spawn a healthier Filipino society. I hope this momentous twin event will inspire the dynamic people of the CGHMC to render better service in ensuring the health and welfare of our people.

I am with you in your commitment to achieve quality health care. By improving the health care of Filipinos, we are making a vital investment in our country's future. The fulfillment of total health care among our people enables them to reach their full potential as individuals and as members of our society. I enjoin you to persevere in your work towards the attainment of physical empowerment for the Filipino nation.

I urge the CGHMC to continue its partnership with our government in endeavors that will bring our country to greater heights of achievements. I ask you to endure as our partner in healing and rebuilding our nation towards greater peace, prosperity and stability.

Congratulations and more power. MABUHAY!

(SGD) H.E. GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines



The opening and inauguration of The CGH Medical Suites, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Section and Linear Accelerator/Radiotherapy Department is an important milestone in the history of Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center, one of the largest and well-known hospitals in the country. Its new high technology equipment will complement the best quality medical care that the institution is giving to its patients.

I wish the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center, a strong partner in the effort towards promoting the health and well-being of our people, more power in the years to come.

Again, my congratulations.

Let's DOH it at MABUHAY kayong lahat!

(SGD) SEN. JUAN M. FLAVIER
Philippine Senate



I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center on the occasion of its 110th Anniversary.

Having served a multitude of patients for over a century now, the CGHMC stands as one of the beacons in the movement to modernize the hospital system in the country. It is highly commendable that as you celebrate 110 years of providing quality health care, you also mark another milestone in the hospital's modernization program with the inauguration and opening of The CGH Medical Suites, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Section and Linear Accelerator/Radiotherapy Department. This bold step of acquiring high technology equipment is laudable as this will enable CGHMC to provide better service to its clientele.

As I join the many well-wishers for more success to the CGHMC, I hope that you will continue to upgrade your standards of care as you carry on with your mandate to provide quality health care to a greater number of our fellowmen, including even those who cannot afford the high cost of health care.

Again, congratulations and Mabuhay ang CGHMC!

(SGD) SEC. MANUEL M. DAYRIT
Secretary
Department of Health

110th Grand Anniversary

From its humble beginnings in 1891 as a small charity clinic to its present ultra-modern physical facility with an excellent staff and efficient operations, the 110 years history of Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center underscore its philosophy of joint Filipino-Chinese endeavor in nation building by providing health service within reach to all sick people.

Under the able leadership of Dr. James G. Dy, Chairman and President, along with the support of the Board of Directors and Officers, we are currently witnessing another milestone with the grand inauguration of The CGH Medical Suites. It houses the latest and most advanced medical equipment in the Radio Oncology Section and Magnetic Resonance Imaging Section to better serve the public. The Suites are well equipped and completely furnished to address the patient's every need. Truly, a world class medical landmark that will take us into the next millenium.

Today, CGHMC reaffirms its mission to provide quality health care service to everyone regardless of race, creed or religion.

Schedule of Activities

9:00 am
Blessing & Inauguration
The CGH Medical Suites
Radiation Oncology Section
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
10:00 am
Programme
6/F Auditorium, Main Bldg.
National Anthem
Invocation
Welcome Address
Mr. Antonio Tecson
EVP, PCCA
Cordial Message
Dr. James G. Dy
Chairman & President, PCCA
Message of the Guest of Honor
Sen. Juan M. Flavir
Philippine Senate
Closing Remarks
Dr. Alfonso Chan
Asst. Medical Director, CGHMC
Luncheon Reception

Guest of Honor
SENATOR JUAN M. FLAVIER

Messages

The Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center (CGHMC) used to be a small medical clinic in 1891. Founded by Don Carlos Palanca Tanchueco, duly appointed "Captain-in-Charge" of Chinese affairs and initially named "Hospital de Chinos", this clinic has come a long way and has grown to become one of the largest and most modern hospitals in our country.



The construction of The CGH Medical Suites is one of our latest contributions in health care. The seven-storey edifice houses the CGHMC's Radiation Oncology Department, for the treatment of cancer. The department has a new linear accelerator unit, using mega-voltage photon and electron beams, 3D radiotherapy unit, and radiotherapy simulator. It also has the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) system, a diagnostic modality capable of doing magnetic resonance examination of the body.

It is with great pride and honor that through these technologically advanced equipments, we are able to provide patients of all races with the best possible treatment and care. I thank all those who have given us their support to enable us to sustain and nurture the gains achieved by our predecessors.

(SGD) DR. JAMES G. DY
Chairman of the Board and President

The Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center (CGHMC) inaugurates today the completion of The CGH Medical Suites and marks the full operation of some of the latest and most scientific equipments in the fight against disease, especially cancer.



The construction of The CGH Medical Suites is the result of the cooperation and assistance given by many individuals, as well as the efforts of the Board of Directors, Officers and Members of the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association. To them, we express our heartfelt gratitude.

On this memorable event, we pledge our commitment to render more substantial contributions to Philippine society and to live up to the CGHMC's noble mission of providing quality medical care to all. I reiterate my constant call to the medical staff of CGHMC to maintain the standards of competence which our Institution is noted for.

(SGD) MR. ANTONIO TECSON
Executive Vice President

The inauguration of The CGH Medical Suites is the outstanding event in this 110th Anniversary of the founding of the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center.



This new 7-storey building houses the Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Linear Accelerator Machines in the lower floors, with four upper stories of luxury suites. The addition of these more luxurious rooms will meet the needs of those desiring more upscale type of accommodations while the MRI and Linac machines (the latter replacing our old cobalt machine) further enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of our diagnosis and treatment of a wide variety of diseases and malignancies.

This is in line with our vision and commitment to provide the best for the care of our patients.

A crowning event for this 110th Anniversary, indeed.

(SGD) DR. KASIAN LIM, M.D.
Medical Director

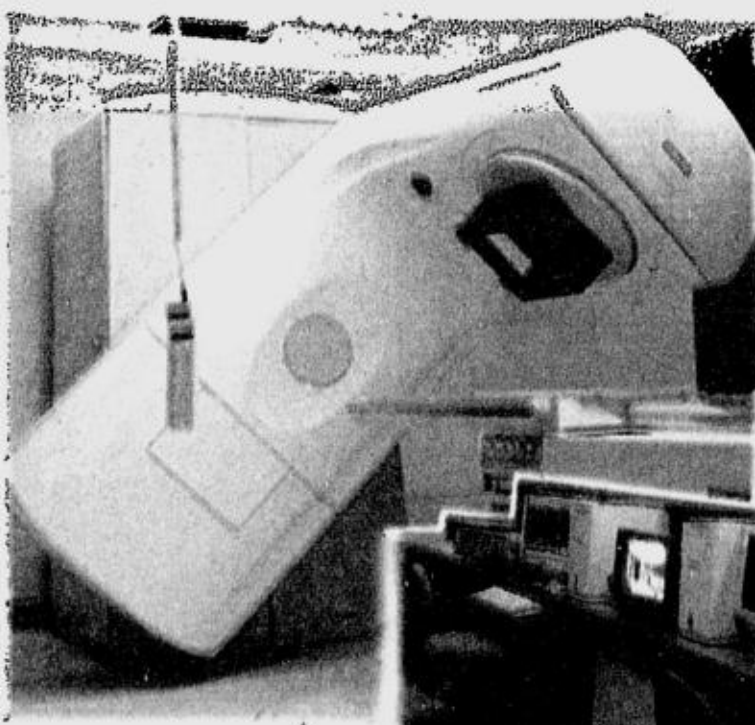
The inauguration of The CGH Medical Suites is a new challenge for the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center (CGHMC), which plays a vital role in the medical care system of our country today. It gives us a reason to celebrate and rejoice, but at the same time reminds us to harness our strengths to continuously improve the delivery of health care services, and to achieve more progress in the field of medicine.



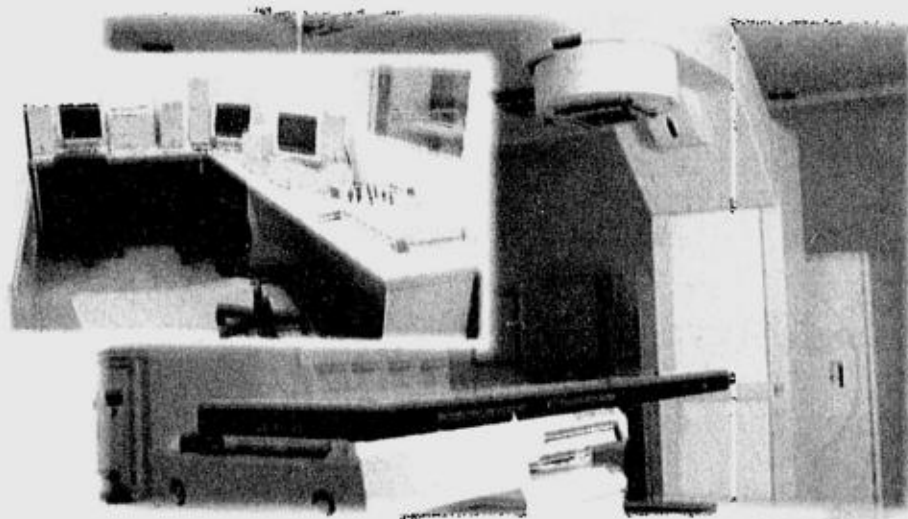
I wish to pay tribute to the benevolent officers and dynamic leaders of the Philippine Chinese Charitable Association and the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center, who inspired the vision of an ultra modern hospital that is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and high technology equipment, to better serve the community at large. Without their efforts, the CGHMC will not be what it is today.

(SGD) DR. ALFONSO S. CHAN, M.D.
Assistant Medical Director, CGHMC

The CGH Medical Suites houses Siemens latest technology and state of the art medical equipment in a world-class medical institution:



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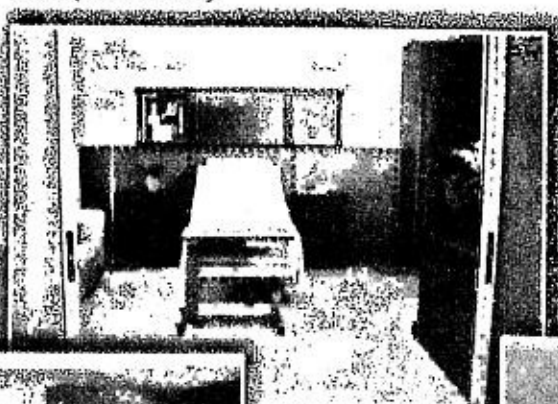
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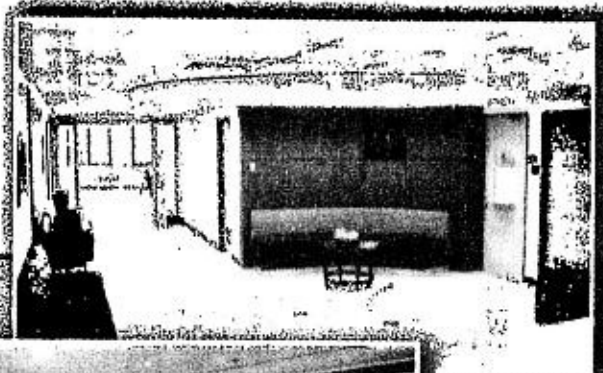
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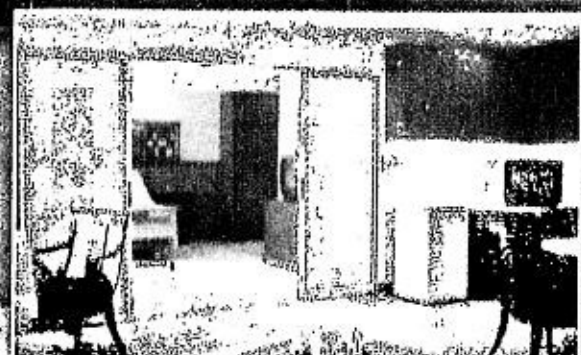
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'Closer to knowing who killed Mark Chua'

By JEROME ANING

THE FATHER of slain University of Sto. Tomas ROTC cadet Mark Chua yesterday said he expects the mastermind of his son's murder to be identified soon now that the National Bureau of Investigation has tagged four more suspects in the abduction and killing.

In a phone interview, businessman Welson Chua said that if the latest suspects could be apprehended, one of them could be persuaded to turn state witness and identify the mastermind of Mark's death.

The former UST Reserve Officers Training Corps commandant, Maj. Demy Tejares, was ousted after Mark and another cadet officer exposed corruption in the military program.

The NBI identified the new suspects as Michael Von Rainard-Managbao, of Sta. Mesa, Manila; Eduardo Tabrilla, of Pasay City; Paul Joseph Tan, of Binondo, Manila; and Patrick Christopher Cruz, of San Juan.

All four are cadet officers of the Philippine Army's reserve command detailed to UST's Reserve Officers Training Corps office at the time 19-year-old Chua was killed in March.

"We are a step closer to naming who ordered my son's death," the elder Chua said. "I hope these new suspects will be arrested soon so that my son will get the justice he deserves."

Another cadet officer, Genesis Binagatan, was arrested the following month after two witnesses pointed to him. Binagatan and other John Does have been charged with murder before the Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 27.

The NBI identified the new suspects with the help of Philippine Army chief Lt. Gen. Jaime de los Santos.

One witness said that around 6:30 p.m. on March 15, he saw the young Chua, a sophomore engineering student, meet Tan on the UST campus on España Boulevard in Sampaloc, Manila.

Chua and Tan went to the office of the Department of Military Science and Tactics, which supervises the ROTC, at the back of the UST grandstand, the witness said.

The second witness claimed seeing inside the DMST office a person who was lying on his belly, whose hands and feet were tied and whose head wrapped with packing tape.

He added that Managbao, Tabrilla, and Cruz were all inside the DMST office at the time.

On March 18, Chua's decomposing body was fished out of the Pasig River. He was hogtied, his head was wrapped with tape, and his body wrapped with a carpet.

Last year, Chua and classmate Romulo Yumul filed with the Department of National Defense complaints of extortion and bribery in the ROTC. Investigation by the DND's regional community defense group resulted in the relief of Tejares and his entire staff.

MANOR HOTEL FIRE

Probers accused of 'unethical conduct'

BY ANDREA TRINIDAD-ECHAVEZ

POLICE investigating the Aug. 18 Manor Hotel fire are in hot water after survivors and relatives of those who died in the blaze accused them of facilitating an out-of-court settlement with the hotel owners.

Interior Secretary Joey Lina said he would order Central Police District director Chief Supt. Rodolfo Tor to look into the allegations.

"If the reports are true, they (investigators) could be charged administratively," Lina said in a phone interview. "That smells (of) unethical conduct."

Pastor Abraham Ricanor, one of the leaders of the newly formed Manor victims' organization, said those who approached some of the survivors and relatives of the victims were policemen involved in investigating the fire.

"Some of our members admitted being approached by the investigators," he said. "In fact, they were offered as much as P100,000."

Ricanor also told the Inquirer that they were thinking of filing administrative and criminal charges against the still unidentified investigators.

He warned that their organization would not hesitate to have police investigators allegedly acting as middlemen for the hotel owners sacked from their posts.

"What they are doing is against the law," he said. "In fact, we are contemplating filing a formal complaint (against them) before the (Department of Interior and Local Government)."

But Lina stressed that the report should still be verified before formal proceedings against the erring police investigators would be conducted.

"We have to verify first if they

are really policemen," Lina said. "For all we know, they might have been just claiming to be policemen."

But even the lawyer of Manor Hotel owners William and Rebecca Genato said in an earlier interview that police investigators were facilitating the out-of-court settlement.

Lawyer Benito Ambrosio, however, maintained that the initiative came from the policemen and not from the Genatos.

"They (investigators) called me and asked me if our clients are willing to settle out of court," Ambrosio claimed. "I said of course, because our clients are very willing to help the victims in any way."

Ambrosio said about 20 victims went to their law office last Saturday to talk with Rebecca Genato.

At least 10 of the survivors and relatives of the victims accepted P40,000 each in exchange for dropping the charges against the

Genatos, Ambrosio said.

Ricanor said the Manor victims' organization has started to investigate who among their members accepted money from the hotel owners after the Inquirer came out with the story last Sunday.

He said a leader of a born-again Christian group in Pampanga admitted that police investigators had approached his group to accept monetary settlement from the Genatos. But the born-again leader denied that members of his group had signed affidavits of desistance, according to Ricanor.

He said investigators also "spoke face-to-face with some of our colleagues from Catanduanes but I was told that they did not accept any payment."

"As far as we know nobody had accepted any money nor issued affidavits of desistance," Ricanor said. "This is not just about money."

He said that at least 50 survivors and relatives of survivors have signified their intention to pursue what they expect to be a long legal battle.

Fire hits Marikina

AT LEAST 31 families lost their homes while two persons were injured when fire hit a resettlement area in Marikina City on Thursday.

Arson investigator SFO1 Jack Ada said the fire lasted two hours and destroyed some P1.5 million worth of properties.

Injured were Elena Duran and Alberto Torrecampo, both of the Baubad resettlement site in Barangay

Nangka. They sustained slight burns on the arms and were treated at a nearby clinic.

Initial investigation showed that the fire could have started when a 60-watt incandescent bulb, which was allegedly used to dry bed sheets, exploded.

The fire reportedly started at 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of a house in the third block of the resettlement site.

4 charged . . . (From page A19)

But NBI officer in charge Lolito Utico released from custody three men—Rascal Pacalna, Samer Abubakar and Agri Mamarugong—after agents failed to establish sufficient evidence to link them to Wednesday night's bloodshed.

Utico told reporters the remaining four suspects were found positive for nitrate traces, which means they indeed fired guns at the time of the incident.

Utico also revealed that one of the four suspects, Suliman Mamadra, has a standing warrant for murder. "We're not sure where (Mamadra committed the crime)," said Alexander Carbonel, chief of the NBI Public Information Office. "But our information showed he is a native of Marawi City in Lanao del Sur and presently a resident of Fairmont Subdivision in Fairview."

The agents are pursuing a fifth suspect identified only as Lumu or Olomadon.

The agents believed he was the one who took the P600,000 in marked money which slain NBI agent Teddy Col-coi was carrying at the time.

Col-coi, a special investigator of the bureau's Narcotics Division, NBI informants Soledad de Guzman and Daniel Domingo, and Alvin Bantuas were killed in the botched buy-bust in Quezon City.

Another suspect, Abolkeir Calandeda, was killed in Pasay City when he allegedly tried to escape from NBI agents.

Bantuas owned the house on Baker Street in Fairmont Subdivision, North Fairview, Quezon City, where the shooting took place.

NBI investigators yesterday suspected that the drug pushers meant to rob Col-coi and his informants and had no intention of selling drugs to the victims.

Investigators added that the suspects might not have known they were doublecrossing an NBI agent.

Utico himself admitted that the incident could be a "robbery case" but refused to comment any further.

Wednesday night, Col-coi, De Guzman and Domingo boarded a taxi for Bantuas' house to consummate a drug deal, which they negotiated with the pushers the day before.

With them was NBI agent Geovel Aperio, who was hiding in the trunk of the cab.

But investigators believed that when the group arrived at

Bantuas' house about 8 p.m., there was no kilo of shabu waiting for them. Instead, members of the drug syndicate lay in wait for the P600,000 Col-coi was carrying to pay for the shabu.

Investigators said it was possible that the suspects demanded the money from Col-coi at gunpoint and that could have triggered the shooting.

When the shooting started, Aperio was still locked up in the trunk of the cab and radioed for backup.

When the NBI agents arrived, they saw Col-coi riddled with bullets in the driver's seat. Bantuas, who took a bullet in the neck, was slumped beside him. The two informants, each with a bullet in the head, were found in a bedroom on the second floor of Bantuas' house.

Aperio escaped unharmed.

Utico is in Baguio City to attend the necrological rites for Col-coi.

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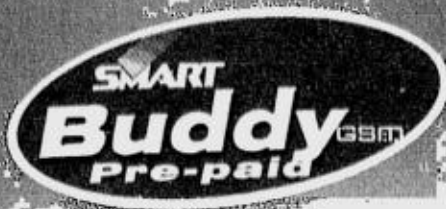
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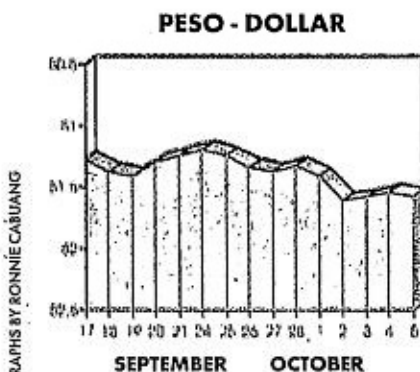
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STOCK MARKET

Stocks down

Shares yesterday closed weaker to erase all of its gains in the previous session as the market shrugged off news of a low inflation rate in September and a 25-basis-point cut in the central bank's overnight rates.

Traders said market players were looking for clearer signs of an economic turnaround rather than focusing on the inflation data. Also, investors remained wary of the impact of the United States' war on terrorism to the global economy.

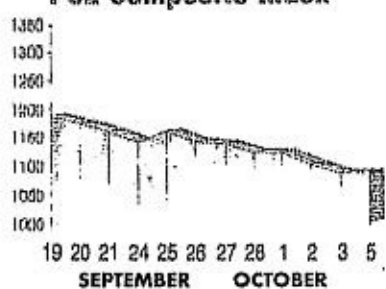
The Philippine composite index lost 6.49 points, or 0.59 percent, to close at 1,088.44 after trading in a tight eight-point range.

The index lost 38.19 points, or 3.39 percent for the week.

It has so far lost 27.17 percent this year and is ranked as the sixth worst performing market in the region.

Preliminary turnover remained light at P535.38 million although higher from Thursday's P426.77 million.

PSE Composite Index



(See stock market report on Page B2)

MWSS to continue borrowings

THE METROPOLITAN Waterworks and Sewerage System said yesterday that it would pursue talks to secure loans from banks to cover for P3 billion in concession fees that Maynilad Water Services Inc. had left unpaid.

In a resolution issued this week, the MWSS allowed Maynilad to raise its rates.

Maynilad's concession payments, however, would only resume in April next year and its previous arrears in June next year.

A ranking official said the MWSS no longer had funds to cover for Maynilad's missed payments.

The MWSS would have to secure some P3 billion worth of bonds from Banco de Oro Universal Bank to pay for Maynilad's debts, he said.

The MWSS earlier tried to use Maynilad's \$200-million performance bond but was restrained by a court.

BY DORIS C. DUMLAO

THE COUNTRY'S inflation rate fell last month to 6.1 percent, the lowest since December last year, from 6.3 percent in August due to favorable weather conditions and the relatively stable prices of food, utilities and services.

Inflation averaged at 6.6 percent for the nine months to September, within the government's 6- to 7-percent range.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas had forecast 6.3- to 6.5-percent inflation in September, with private economists predicting a wider range of 6-6.4 percent.

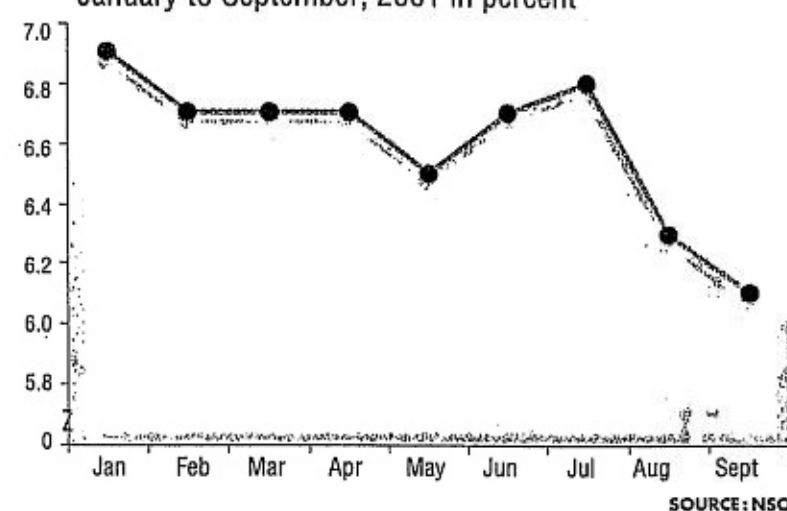
The statistics office said consumer prices in Manila posted a slower increase of 6.7 percent year-on-year from 7.4 percent in August, while the rate outside the National Capital Region remained at 5.9 percent.

The index for key commodity groups, including food and utility, slid from previous year's level.

The annual inflation rate for food, beverage and tobacco declined to 4.2 percent from 4.5 percent in August; clothing, 3.9 percent

Inflation Rate

January to September, 2001 in percent



SOURCE: NSO

from 4.1 percent; fuel, light and water, 10.3 percent from 11.1 percent; services, 11.3 percent from 11.4 percent; and miscellaneous items, 4.1 percent from 4.3 percent.

The index for housing and repairs was unchanged at 7.4 percent.

The inflation rate for food alone was down to 4.1 percent from 4.3 percent in the light of lower prices of rice, the country's staple, and

other food items such as corn, cereal preparations, dairy products, eggs and fish. The prices of fruits and vegetables slightly increased while the price of meat remained stable.

Analyst Jose Vistan of AB Capital Securities said the lower inflation rate in September might spur the central bank of the Philippines to cut interest rates further.

Monetary authorities announced Thursday that key interest rates would be cut by 25 basis points to sustain economic growth in the face of a global economic slowdown.

With the cut, the overnight borrowing rate in the Philippines fell to 8.75 percent, while the lending rate dropped to 11 percent. Interest rates have been cut more than 10 times since December last year.

Vistan said the low inflation rate could be attributed to the ample supply of consumer goods and a weak demand. "It was also a result of good weather. We were spared from the super typhoons that hit Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore."

Mark Securities head of research Manny Cruz said: "The prices of commodities are starting to stabilize, if not going down, due to lack of demand."

Cruz said that demand was expected to pick up later this year, particularly during the Christmas season.

Cruz said assurance given by oil producers that crude prices would go down also helped temper inflationary pressures.

Sharp fall in exports seen temporary

BY GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry said the sharp fall in exports, especially in electronics, was just a temporary setback as the agency was expecting dollar revenues to bounce back once the US economy reacts positively to Washington's fiscal stimulus.

Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said that the sharp drop in exports was not surprising considering earlier projections of a weakness in the US and Japanese economies especially in the electronics sector, which accounts for more than 70 percent of the country's dollar earnings.

Exports fell 13 percent to \$21.2 billion in the first eight months of the year with August sales alone

falling by 25 percent, the biggest monthly drop in two decades.

Roxas said that while the electronics sector has sputtered, other export sectors have shown hefty growth such as jewelry (up 77 percent), copper (up 48 percent), and agriculture products such as pineapple and copra.

He stressed that the government continued to push other export products in its bid to diversify the country's product portfolio. For example, Roxas said the government was negotiating with the European Union for more access for the country's garments exports to the region. The government, he said, was also haggling for wider access to Middle East countries by easing Halal standards on food products.

Roxas said that while there was a "definite softening" in the export market, especially electronics, this was only "temporary" considering that major electronic firms were consolidating or transferring part of their global operations into the country (such as Intel, Toshiba and Fujitsu).

Roxas said that most of the electronics companies have not laid off their workforce and have instead enforced a shorter workweek in order to keep their talents on standby in anticipation of a recovery in the sector. "They (electronic exporters) also expect the setback to be short-lived and they want to have their talented workforce intact once sales rebound," Roxas said.

Roxas is confident that whatever hit the electronics sector

maybe in, the industry will ultimately bounce back because the demand for electronic products and high-tech gadgets remains intact.

Roxas is also betting that the \$140-billion financial package (combination of tax cuts and direct spending) made available by Washington to stoke its economy should put more money in the hands of American consumers and prompt them to buy more goods, including Philippine-made tuna or electronic chips. "The problem is if the Americans will opt to save instead of spend their extra money especially with the weak consumer confidence. It's a psychology thing much like in Japan where the government has lowered interest rates but its people are still not buying," Roxas said.

GSIS chief hits Alcorido for failed bid

NAGA CITY—Winston Garcia, president and general manager of the Government Service Insurance System, has assailed National Power Corp. president Jesus Alcorido for the failed reinsurance auction of Napocor's assets worth \$6.5 billion.

Garcia, who was here to lead the launch of the "Pabahay Ko Program" of the GSIS, added that this had put the interest of the government in extreme prejudice.

Garcia said that he did not know why Alcorido interfered in the business of insurance when it was the GSIS that has been mandated to take care of this matter.

He said the Napocor should stick to its expertise, which is power generation, and that the GSIS to its own, which is insurance.

"We are the biggest insurance company in the country today. The expertise of my people is beyond question. These people's (Napocor) expertise are power generation and they want to meddle in insurance," Garcia said.

He said that the GSIS had shown its expertise with a positive growth of P5 billion.

Garcia said that Alcorido, who insisted that the GSIS was incompetent, had tried to hold the bidding that, however, failed.

"Right now Napocor is running naked. If there is a catastrophic loss (in the \$6.5-billion assets), there is no hope whatsoever of any recovery. And those people responsible will surely go to jail for that," he said.

Garcia said that Napocor has been suffering from at least P5 billion in losses every year because instead of concentrating on power generation, it has been focusing more on other businesses.

"I don't know why they are interested in this kind of business," he added. **Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau**



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Ratings agency affirms stable outlook for RP

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

INTERNATIONAL ratings agency Fitch IBCA yesterday reconfirmed the stable outlook assigned to the Philippine sovereign ratings despite concerns about the country's expanding level of public and external debt and the deterioration in the external environment.

London-based Fitch said the country's BB+ rating for foreign currency and BBB- for local currency remained appropriate.

Fitch said in a statement that a flexible exchange rate regime, modest public external financing needs of \$2.7 billion in 2002, of which half was to come from official sources, and diminished political risk underpinned the stable outlook.

"There is a diminished political risk underlined by a strong popular mandate for the government that has committed itself to fiscal discipline and reform," said Fitch.

"I am pleased that Fitch recognizes the strong points of the Philippine economy and has maintained a stable outlook for the country. The rating is a reflection of our economy's strength

and ability to withstand the pressures that the global economy is facing," said Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho.

Fitch was the last of the top three international ratings agencies to put the Philippines on a negative watch list at the height of the "juetengate" scandal that involved former President Joseph Estrada in October last year.

It was also the first to revise its outlook for the country from negative to stable in March. The two others, Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service, maintained a negative outlook for the country.

However, Fitch warned that a protracted downturn in the US economy would put the country's ratings under pressure "especially in the absence of an appropriate policy response."

The government economic team led by Camacho held a series of discussions with international ratings firms last week including Fitch, a Japanese rating company, S&P and Moody's.

The intention was to convince these agencies that the country's economic prospects remain healthy despite a foreseen global weak-

ness, particularly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

Camacho said the discussions helped the government explain to these rating agencies what the Macapagal administration has achieved in the last eight months and what it intended to do to cope with recent external shocks.

In its statement, Fitch said the enactment of the power reform bill that would pave the way for the privatization of National Power Corp. was an important barometer of the government's commitment to structural reforms.

While concerned about the country's high levels of public and external debt, Fitch said the government's funding needs were relatively modest compared to other BB+ economies like Mexico and India.

Despite lower export earnings and the flat dollar remittances from overseas workers, Fitch still expects the Philippines to record a current account surplus until next year although the surplus level would be much lower from last year.

Philippine Stock Exchange

STOCKS	As of Friday, October 5, 2001				VOLUME
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	50	50	49.5	49.5	101,100
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	23	23	22.75	22.75	63,500
First E-Bank Corp.	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28	10,000
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	191	193	189	190	69,310
Philippine National Bank	49.5	50	49	50	599,500
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Manulife Financial Corp.	1350	1355	1350	1355	760
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1015	1025	1005	1025	101,900
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	27	27	27	27	3,000
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.27	0.27	0.25	0.25	6,260,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	620	630	620	620	14,110
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.025	1,500,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	100,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	410	415	407.5	410	121,170
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.02	0.021	0.02	0.021	35,700,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	22.5	22.75	22.5	22.5	5,200
Manila Electric Co. B	33	33	32.5	32.5	82,000
Petron Corp.	1.22	1.24	1.2	1.22	776,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84	140,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.26	1.3	1.24	1.28	913,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.39	0.41	0.39	0.41	150,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	90,000
William, Gothong & Abolitz	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	10,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	80,000
Republic Cement Corp.	1	1	1	1	40,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	100,000
Union Cement Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	4,002,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.06	2.1	21,280,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	185,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	60,000
La Tondena Distillers Inc.	24.5	25	24.5	25	18,500
RFM Corp.	2.08	2.1	2.08	2.08	220,000
San Miguel Corp. A	39	39.5	38.5	39.5	94,000
San Miguel Corp. B	51	51.5	51	51.5	35,800
Universal Robina Corp.	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	6,512,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	100,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Ayala Corp.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	473,000
Abolitz Equity Ventures	1.32	1.38	1.32	1.38	73,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.64	140,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	47,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	20,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	176,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	90,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	7.1	9.9	7.1	9.9	3,700
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.04	1.08	1.04	1.06	11,733,000
Basco Consolidated Inc.	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	200,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	100,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	100,000
Fillinvest Dev. Corp.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	20,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	23.75	24.5	23.75	24.25	29,700
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	90,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	300,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	212,000
Magaworld Corp.	0.58	0.59	0.58	0.58	5,220,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	20,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.24	0.24	0.22	0.225	6,720,000
Musico Corp.	0.52	0.54	0.5	0.5	280,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.2	0.22	0.2	0.22	140,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Interphil Labs Inc. A	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	40,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.065	0.07	0.065	0.07	3,200,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76	80,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	150,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.44	0.44	0.43	0.44	2,250,000
Manila Jockey Club	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	10,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	25	27	25	26.5	462,500
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	590	600	580	585	2,430
Jollibee Warrants	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.25	10,000
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	0.0012	6,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10	10	10	10	1,000
Philweb.Com Inc.-Warrants	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	8,000,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	9	9.6	8.5	9.6	14,630,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	4.05	4.05	4	4.05	3,424,000
Cityland Development Corp.	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	3,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	10,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.21	0.22	0.205	0.22	1,340,000
Fillinvest Land Inc.	1.22	1.24	1.22	1.22	7,350,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	8,817,000
SM Development Corp.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	10,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.5	3,473,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	1,000,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.23	320,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	20,000
Itoyan-Suyoc Mines A	0.026	0.026	0.025	0.025	21,400,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	300,000
Omico Corp.	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	1,000,000
Polar Mines & Dev't Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	5,200,000
Phillex Mining Corp. B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	40,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	0.0036	1,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	0.0028	4,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	4,000,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	20,000
Vulcan Ind'l.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	20,000
SHARES					
Banks & Fin Svc	946,070				152,951,970.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	188,559,110				325,379,125.00
PRO	25,227,000				56,129,610.00
Mining	28,280,000				784,600.00
OIL	9,040,000				34,800.00
GRAND TOTALS:	250,052,180				535,280,105.00
AVERAGES					
Banks & Fin Svc	445.46				DOWN 2.97
Comm'l & Ind'l	1,540.30				DOWN 9.32
PRO	424.63				DOWN 3.92
Mining	1,084.85				DOWN 1.99
OIL	1.28				DOWN 0.04
All Shares Index	675.64				DOWN 0.36
Composite	1,088.44				DOWN 6.49
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CURRENCIES

Oct. 5, 2001	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US\$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.089087	1.000000	51.5870
Japan	Yen	0.009048	0.008308	0.4286
United Kingdom	Pound	1.608800	1.477200	76.2043
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.139806	0.128370	6.6222
Switzerland	Franc	0.672650	0.617627	31.8615
Canada	Dollar	0.694262	0.637471	32.8952
Singapore	Dollar	0.612466	0.562366	29.0108
Australia	Dollar	0.541834	0.497512	25.6652
Bahrain	Dinar	2.888980	2.652661	136.8428
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.290424	0.266667	13.7566
Brunei	Dollar	0.610817	0.560852	28.9327
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000112	0.000103	0.0053
Thailand	Baht	0.024391	0.022396	1.1553
UAE	Dhram	0.296592	0.272331	14.0487
Korea	Won	0.000835	0.000767	0.0396
Euro	Euro	1.000000	0.918200	47.3672
Germany	Mark	0.511292	0.469468	24.2184
France	Franc	0.152450	0.139979	7.2211
Netherlands	Guilder	0.453780	0.416661	21.4943
Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.066728	3.4423
Belgium	Franc	0.024790	0.022762	1.1742
Italy	Lire	0.000516	0.000474	0.0245
Finland	Markka	0.168188	0.154430	7.9686
Portugal	Escudo	0.004988	0.00458	0.2363
Spain	Peseta	0.008010	0.005518	0.2847
Luxembourg	Franc	0.024790	0.022762	1.1742
Ireland	Punt	1.269739	1.165874	60.1439

GOINGS-ON

Handyman expands

THERE'S no stopping Handyman, Robinsons' "do-it-yourself" hardware shop, from opening more stores in major localities nationwide. By yearend, its expanding chain of one-stop hardware shops will have a total of 33 branches.

Opened this year were Handyman stores at the 2nd level of Robinsons Place Novaliches, 2nd level of Robinsons Place Iloilo, and 4th level of Robinsons Place Metro East in Cainta.

Each store carries a wide selection of electrical and power tools, plumbing equipment, gardening tools, car accessories, home care items, decors, paints, house cleaners, and other home gadgets and equipment. Handy Buys, which are selected items sold at special marked-down prizes, are also offered every month.

Top DXN distributors

DXN International Private Ltd., a Malaysian-based multilevel international marketing firm, will pay tribute to its top distributors in the Philippines during its Recognition and Awards Program scheduled this month.

Fermin M. Zapanta, country manager of DXN Philippines, said the event was in honor of DXN distributors who have shown outstanding performance in sales and networking and who have contributed to the phenomenal success of the company in its nearly two years of operations in this country, culminating in record-breaking monthly gross sales since July and August.

The Awards and Recognition Program has been scheduled for the country's three main regions. The event for Metro Manila and Luzon will be held on Oct. 13 at the Westin Philippine Plaza. The one for Mindanao is set for Oct. 5 at the Grand Menseng Hotel at 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.



ABAC MEET IN SINGAPORE

Singapore Prime Minister Go Chok Tong (second from left) tenders a dinner for delegates to the third meeting of the Apec Business Advisory Council for 2001 in Singapore. Present during the dinner were (from left) Jose Luis Yulo, member; Roberto R. Romulo, Abac Philippines chair, and Benigno Ricalfort Jr., member. At the meeting, Abac, the private sector arm of Apec, reiterated that its work this year was to ensure that Apec remains on track in continuing to liberalize trade and investment while strengthening its work in market opening, capacity building and full participation.

Sony projects 30% growth in sales

BY GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.

JAPANESE electronics giant Sony Corp. expects its sales in the Philippines to grow by 33 percent to P4 billion within the next two years as it sees consumers to go for reasonably priced brands with good reputation amid a gloomy market.

Sony Philippines Inc.

Gov't to net P9B from AUVs

Big business groups back Del Rosario

A NUMBER of business organizations have asked the Commission on Appointments to hasten the confirmation of Albert del Rosario as the country's new envoy to the United States.

In a resolution, the groups underscored Del Rosario's "unblemished track record" and his active involvement in the business sector and in civic activities.

The resolution was signed by Philippines Inc. president Jose Romero Jr., Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Miguel Varela, Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Benjamin Chua Jr., Employers Confederation of the Philippines president Donald Dee, Philippine Exporters Confederation of the Philippines president Sergio Ortiz-Luis Jr., Bankers Association of the Philippines president Placido Mapa Jr., Chinese-Filipino Business Club president Dante Go and Federation of Philippine Industries Inc. president Raul Concepcion.

BY CLARISSA S. BATINO

FINANCE Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho said yesterday the government would earn at least P9 billion from two "points of agreement" between him and Trade Secretary Mar Roxas II over the imposition of additional taxes on Asian-utility vehicles, or AUVs.

Camacho and Roxas met a few days ago to again discuss the new auto tax measures. The two clarified earlier stories attributed to Roxas saying the Department of Finance had agreed to exempt AUVs from excise taxes.

Camacho said he and Roxas agreed to change the basis of the excise taxes on AUVs from the number of seats and engine displacement to price tags. The only question was whether the government would use the wholesale or the retail price as basis, he said.

Camacho said he and Roxas also agreed to exempt the "basic" AUV

from excise taxes, but they had yet to find a common definition of what a "basic AUV" was.

"I believe our revenue target of P4.5 billion for half-a-year remains achievable," Camacho told reporters.

The existing tax scheme exempts vehicles that can seat 10 passengers, including the driver, from excise taxes.

A senior finance official said the exemption of AUVs from excise taxes had been a leak in the government's tax-collection efforts. Sport-utility vehicles that would have been classified as luxury cars were enjoying the exemption because of their seating capacity and engine size, he said.

The country's carmakers have objected to the government's plan to slap taxes on AUVs.

"Aside from manufacturers, the parts suppliers will be affected. This will hurt the industry and lead to its collapse. The impact will just negate the gains of the government," Ariel de Jesus, a spokesperson for

Toyota Motor Philippines Inc., said. Car sales had dropped by 14 percent compared with last year.

The Board of Investments earlier agreed to review its decision to impose a 15-percent excise tax on all cars and light commercial vehicles due to its potentially damaging impact on AUV sales.

Roxas said AUVs were not only the most useful public-utility vehicles and service transports for small and medium enterprises, but these also had the highest local content and the biggest export potential.

The BOI's decision not to pull the trigger on the flat excise tax rate was due to the strong opposition by AUV assemblers that stood to suffer the most from the policy.

The imposition of a uniform excise tax on AUVs, which are currently tax-exempt, is seen jacking up the sticker prices of these vehicles by 15 to 50 percent and put them beyond the reach of middle-class buyers.

Total plans to build P750-M Tondo depot

TOTALFINABELF Philippines, the biggest among the new players in the local oil industry, is planning to build a P750-million oil depot in Tondo, Manila.

In a position paper presented to the House committee on ecology on Tuesday, Total said the new depot would rise on a 2-hectare lot at the Manila Harbor Center Industrial Park along Manila Bay.

"(The depot would be far) from any residential site or community and would use world-accepted technology in oil depot construction and maintenance," Total said.

It added that the terminal would install the most sophisticated environment protection systems, including fire prevention and oil spill control.

"The protective systems would minimize, if not eliminate, risks of accidents within the working area surrounding environment," it assured.

Total said the proposed depot

would have a storage capacity of 19,000 cubic meters, about a tenth of the total capacity of the Pandacan terminals.

"This move aims to enable us to (tap the Metro Manila market), which currently accounts for half of the country's total fuel demand," the oil firm said.

An official of Total said in a telephone interview, however, that the firm still had to secure the necessary permits for the depot.

"We already have an environmental clearance certificate and we are now working on a clearance for the location," the official said.

He explained that the clearance would come from the Metro Manila Development Authority and that Total would need the Manila city government's endorsement of its depot.

"We met Manila Mayor Lito Atienza during the hearing in Congress, and he seemed open to the idea," the official said.

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DATE OF BIDDING -- OCTOBER 19, 2001

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- 0107-036-TES 10 rolls Wire Ropes, steel of various sizes and 10 pcs. Cable Clip for 11 mm wire rope
- 0108-040 530 employees, 2001 Annual Physical & Laboratory Examinations
- 0108-043 1 lot, S/P for Bobcat Skid Steer Loader, Model 980, consisting of 9 items
- 0109-009-TES 4 units, Fans, Heavy Duty Industrial Exhaust, propeller type, 36" blade dia., no. of blades 4, capacity 13,000 ft.³ of air/min., motor 480 VAC, 3-phase, 60 Hz including accessories
- 0109-026 1 lot, Single Acting Cylinder, Hand Pump, Pressure Gauge, Polyurethane Hose, Manifold, Swivel Connector, Quick Coupling, Load Lowering Valve, Tee, Fitting, Pipe Plug, Storage Box and Pipe Sealant, for 200 Tons Capacity Hydraulic Jack
- 0109-027 1 lot, Sheet, SS304, size 6 mm (1/4") thick x 4' x 8', Angle Bar, SS304, 6mm (1/4") thick x 2" x 2" x 20', Pipe, SS304, 12 mm (1/2") & 25 mm (1") dia. x 20' length, sch. 40 and Bolt & Nut, Hexagonal, SS304, M22 & M24, Coarse, 50 mm thread length, 80 & 190 mm total length from base of head
- 0109-028 1 lot, Station Lead Acid Battery, Type NS 300, 300AH @ 10 hr. rate capacity, approx. 2.2 V/cell including accessories, Brand Neutron or equivalent
- 0109-046 1 job, To supply labor and materials for the printing and binding of BCFTPP II Operation Log Books, consisting of 9 items
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- 0110-007 21 pcs., Mobile and Waste Container
- 0110-008-TES 8 pcs., Optimized Lower & Upper Burner Crotch Panels, Preferred Brands/Manufacturers Alstom, Mitsubishi and BHP

Bid documents will be available to accredited suppliers starting October 8, 2001 and may be secured from Administration Division during working days from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. upon payment of P25.00 for ONE ENVELOPE SYSTEM and P50.00 for TWO-ENVELOPE SYSTEM.

Bids must be in triplicate and shall be accompanied by Bidder's Bond equivalent to 5% of the total bid price either in Cash, Manager's Check, Irrevocable LC, Bank Draft/Guarantee or Surety Bond from GSIS Insurance Commission.

The corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality contained therein and accept the bids considered most advantageous to the corporation.

(Sgd.) LORNA T. DY
Manager
Professional Services Department

(PDI - Oct. 6, 2001)



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL
CITY OF OZAMIZ
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project

INVITATION TO BID

Date: October 6, 2001
World Bank/IBRD Loan No. 4109-PH

The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of the Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the following contracts located at the City of Ozamiz, Misamis Occidental Province. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loan and IDA Credits.

The City of Ozamiz, Misamis Occidental Province and implementing partner of the DAR for ARCDP invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of the following sub-project:

Contract No. 200138605KN-MOC
Description of the Project: Construction of Kinuman Norte Communal Irrigation Project
Bidding Documents: P3,000.00 (non-refundable) per Package
Bid Closing Date: November 12, 2001, 1:00 p.m. at City Mayor's Office

Item No.	Scope of Work	Quantity	
		Package I	Package II
I	DIVERSION WORKS		
a.	3,000 PSI concrete	158.00 Cu.m.	
b.	Rubble Masonry	166.00 Cu.m.	
c.	Structure Excavation	1,705.00 Cu.m.	
II	CANALIZATION		
a.	Clearing & Grubbing	20,820.00 sq.m.	
b.	Common Excavation	35,978.00 Cu.m.	
c.	2,400 PSI Plain Concrete	392.00 Cu.m.	
III	CANAL STRUCTURE		
a.	Structure Excavation	3,785.00 Cu.m.	
b.	3,000 PSI Reinforced Concrete	520.00 Cu.m.	
c.	Installation of 24" dia HDPE Pipes	164.00 pcs.	
IV	Furnish & Deliver of 24" dia HDPE Pipes		164.00 pcs.
	Minimum Bid Bond	P167,900.00	P34,500.00
	Project Duration	300 C.D.	120 C.D.

Contractors Category Medium "A" for DAM-Reservoir/Irrigation Works or Higher for Package 1

Minimum Equipment's Required for Package I

- Two (2) units One bagger mixer - owned
- Two (2) units Dumper truck - owned
- One (1) unit Dozer (80-200 Hp Capacity) - owned/leased
- One (1) unit Excavator 0.35-0.45 cu.m. capacity - owned/leased

A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders at above office starting October 12, 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. upon payment of the above non-refundable fee per package/sub-project. A pre-bid Conference will be held on October 23, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. at the City Mayor's Office.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security only the following/acceptable form: Cash, Certified Check, Manager's Check, Bank Draft, or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency, and must be delivered to the Office of the City Mayor, Ozamiz City, Misamis Occidental on or before the bid closing date. Bids will be opened promptly on the above bid closing date in the presence of participating bidders or representatives who choose to attend.

The PBAC-ARCDP reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defect or informality, assume no obligation whatsoever to compensate indemnity to the contractor/bidder for any expense that they incur in the preparation of bid to accept the bid lowest evaluated, responsive and complying bid.

(Sgd.) HON. REYNALDO O. PAROJINOG, SR.
City Mayor/Chairman PBAC-ARCDP

(PDI - Oct. 6, 2001)



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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Department of Agriculture (DA) as the Implementing Agency of the Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management (CHARM) Project invites duly authorized distributors and suppliers of heavy equipment who have been in the business for the last five (5) years to participate in the public bidding for the supply and acquisition of the following:

- Three (3) units Grader
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All interested parties are hereby required to submit the following documents for evaluation not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2001 at the Department of Agriculture - SPCMD, Room 302, Elliptical Road, Dilliman, Quezon City or Project Support Office of CHARM Project, Sto. Tomas Road, Baguio Dairy Farm, Baguio City:

- Distributorship Agreement
- Business Permit
- DTI Registration
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- Detailed Profile of the Firm
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Further information may be obtained at the DA-SPCMD at telephone numbers 927-9636 to 39 or DA-CHARM PSO at telephone numbers (074) 444-7994, (074) 444-8329.

Bidding documents will be issued to qualified bidders from October 30, 2001 up to November 5, 2001 at DA-SPCMD or DA-CHARM PSO. Cost of the Bid Documents is P500.00 (non-refundable).

The Pre-Bid Conference and Opening of Bids will be held at DA-CHARM Project Conference Room on November 6, 2001, 2:00 PM and November 13, 2001, 2:00 PM respectively.

A bidders bond equivalent to 2.5% of the total bid price in the form of either cash or manager's/cashier's check must be submitted together with the bid.

DA-CHARM Project reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, waive any defect contained therein and accept offers most advantageous to the Department/Project.

(Sgd.) ATTY. EDUARDO E. GARCIA
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(PDI - Oct. 6, 7 & 8, 2001)

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| Lot 2 12 x Condemned Buildings at SBIA, SBMA | October 18, 2001, 2:30 p.m. |
| Lot 3 50 Ton Portal Crane at Alava Pier, SBMA | October 18, 2001, 3:00 p.m. |
| Lot 4 Abandoned Furniture, Fixtures & Other Properties by Subic Live, SBMA | October 18, 2001, 3:30 p.m. |
| Lot 5 Abandoned Properties by Seaway Marines, Philippine Inc., SBMA | October 18, 2001, 4:00 p.m. |
| Lot 6 Abandoned Properties by Great China Airlines, SBMA | October 18, 2001, 4:30 p.m. |

II. Buyers are requested to submit the following Pre-qualification documents at the Procurement and Property Management Department (PPMD), Room 201, 2nd Floor, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

- Certificate of Accreditation as Scrap Hauler from Trade & Tourism Group or PPMD, SBMA.
- Latest Income Tax Return (ITR 2000) of the bidder or copies of Audited Financial Statement of the Company and Certification of Cash Deposit by a reputable bank.

III. Deadline for submission of the Pre-Qualification Papers is on October 11, 2001, Thursday (5:00 p.m.). No extension.

IV. Pre-Bid Conference and Issuance of Bid Forms (P100.00 per set) will be on October 15, 2001, Monday (3:00 p.m.).

V. Bid Bond is required in the form of cash or Manager's Check equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the total bid price in favor of SBMA.

VI. Inspection will strictly be by Group on the following schedules:

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| Lot 1 & 3 | October 10, 2001 | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| Lot 2 & 6 | October 11, 2001 | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| Lot 4 & 5 | October 12, 2001 | 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |

VII. For other information, inquiries and/or request for inspection, call Tel. Nos. (047) 252-4214/4483 (c/o Danny Sanchez).

VIII. SBMA reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality found therein or to reject/accept such bids as may be deemed most advantageous to SBMA.

Done this 3rd day of October 2001.

(Sgd.) CAPT. VICTOR L. MAMON
SDA for Operations &
Chairman, Disposal Committee

(PDI - Oct. 4, 5 & 6, 2001)



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Pambansang Korporasyon sa Elektrisidad
(NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION)

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Power Corporation, TRANSCO-South Luzon invites interested licensed and/or accredited suppliers/contractors in the pre-qualification and bidding for the supply of labor including furnishing of materials, tools, equipment and supervision, and other incidentals necessary to complete the Replacement of 36 kms. Corroded OHGW of District II's 230KV TL along Biñan-Suacat and Biñan-Calaca TL.

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Pre-qualification documents are available for issuance to prospective bidders starting October 8, 2001 up to October 22, 2001 at Contracts Management Office, TRANSCO-Southern Luzon Region, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Six Hundred Pesos (Php 600.00) only. Schedule of availability of Bid Documents and Bid Opening Date shall be notified to Prequalified Bidders at a later date.

NPC reserves the right to reject any application for eligibility or bid without offering any reasons, to waive any formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Additional information relative hereto shall be furnished upon official request. All communications should be addressed to the undersigned, c/o Contracts Management Office, TRANSCO-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna. tel./fax #520-8213.

(Sgd.) RENE D. RAMAS
Manager, Administration, TRANSCO-SL
and Chairman,
Regional Contracts Award Committee

(PDI - Oct. 6, 2001)



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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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In line with this, please secure the list of pre-qualification documents not later than 5:00 PM, October 12, 2001 to Mr. Alex Mercado of the Information Technology Center, 3rd Floor PDIC Building, 2228 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City.

Time, date and place of opening of eligibility and bid envelopes shall be announced later.

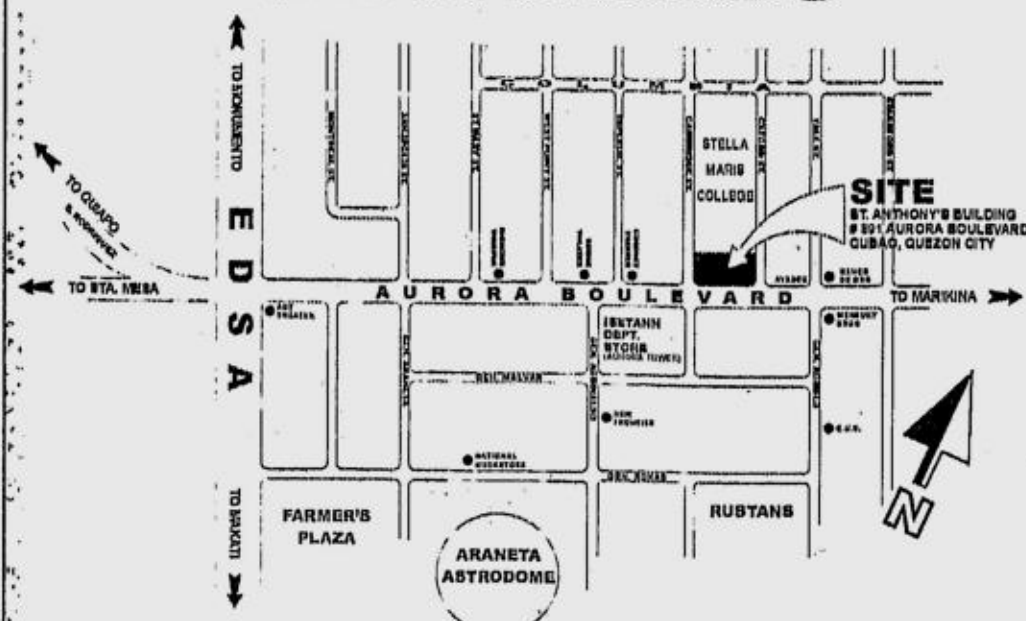
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Apec seen giving impulse to terrorism fight

WASHINGTON—The 21-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit this month, the first major international gathering since the hijack attacks in the United States, will face a new challenge: expanding trade amid the fight against terrorism, a US official said.

The official said members were expected to issue a robust statement in support of efforts to start a new round of global trade liberalization talks when the 142 members of the World Trade Organization meet in Doha, Qatar, from Nov. 9 to 13.

But they would also examine new ways to fight terrorism without hurting trade.

"We've had high expectations of this meeting all year long and obviously, given events of the last three and a half weeks, they've just gotten higher," the US official told reporters.

All year, countries have been looking at the challenge of a slowing economy in the Asia-Pacific region and participants will look at accelerating structural reforms.

This involved using information technology to transform economies and promote sustained growth with better food security, education and tackling infectious diseases, he said.

"Obviously, the new element will be how Apec economies can pull together both as economies and Apec as an institution to counter terrorism," he said.

US President George W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans and Trade Representative Robert Zoellick

will all be there.

Bush is expected to meet the leaders of China and Russia during talks on Oct. 20 to 21.

"This will be the first major international meeting since the attacks, and obviously it's a very important opportunity for economies and nations in the region to express their joint commitment to fighting terrorism," the official said.

This meant getting nations to ratify conventions on terrorism. Japan, for example, is the only Group of Seven country not to have signed a 1999 UN Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

The US official said countries would look at strengthening existing Apec programs designed to cut off funds to terrorism, improve security at airports, on planes and at ports, protect critical sectors including telecommunications and shielding the energy sector.

These are all areas whose vulnerability has come sharply into focus because of the attacks on Sept. 11 on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"One other area is strengthening customs so we can meet our enhanced enforcement means at the same time that we don't interfere with trade," the official said.

He said the attacks had the potential to breathe new life into Apec, which groups Australia, Brunei, Canada, China, Chile, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, United States and Vietnam.

Reuters



A CHINESE scratches his nose while waiting for another to repair his bicycle in front of a discarded barrier with Coca-Cola branding on the streets of Beijing. China's companies, farmers and industrial workers face wrenching changes once they enter the free-market World Trade Organization, letting loose a flood of imports and foreign competition.

AP

Japan to set out new, tighter banking laws

TOKYO—Japan could spell out at the upcoming G7 meeting its commitment to adopting tough new laws requiring banks to carry out background checks on their clients.

The fight against the financing of global terrorism will top the agenda at Saturday's meeting of G7 finance ministers and central bankers in Washington.

The talks come in the wake of the Sept. 11 terror attacks that have focused the international spotlight on ter-

rorist groups and how they are supported and funded.

Unlike in the United States and in many European countries, Japanese banks are not required by law to carry out strict identity checks on their clients.

"The government is considering to introduce a bill that would require background checks, to give banks the legal basis for conducting the checks," a Financial Services Agency official said.

AFP

US economy weak before World Trade attacks

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve policymakers believed the US economy was weak with no clear sign of recovery even before the terrorist attacks, minutes of their Aug. 21 meeting showed Thursday.

"The economy had continued to be weak—indeed, weaker than many had expected—and data and anecdotal reports from around the country had yet to point to persuasive signs of a turnaround," the minutes said.

"The monetary and fiscal policy stimulus already in train seemed adequate to promote and support an eventual appreciable rise in the growth of

business activity to a pace near that of the economy's potential," they added.

"But the strength and timing of the pickup remained uncertain and further weakness was a distinct threat in the nearer term."

The Federal Reserve trimmed rates by 0.25 percentage points to 3.5 percent at the meeting.

At the time, policymakers said they were worried about the economic slowdown being exacerbated by any faltering in household expenditure when firms were still drawing down inventories and cutting investment.

"Growing concerns about foreign

economies added to the current unease about potential near-term developments," the statement said.

Exactly three weeks after the meeting, on Sept. 11, terrorists took over four planes and used them in suicide attacks against the United States, flattening the World Trade Center and damaging the Pentagon.

On Sept. 13, the Federal Reserve revealed in an unusual addition to its minutes that the board members consulted by telephone but decided it was too early to respond.

"While the ongoing reactions to the recent tragedy were undoubtedly a

negative factor in the economic outlook, the members agreed that financial markets were still too disrupted and the economic outlook too uncertain to provide an adequate basis for a policy move at this time," they said.

"However, the members contemplated the need for some policy easing in the very near future."

In the event, the Federal Reserve slashed rates by half a percentage point on Sept. 17 and by another half percentage point at a regular meeting on Tuesday, bringing the benchmark federal funds rate target down to a 39-year low of 2.5 percent.

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A SWISSAIR plane takes off from Zurich airport. The entire fleet of the collapsed national airline was grounded for two days due to a severe cash crunch at parent company Swissair Group. The Swiss government provided up to 450 million Swiss francs in emergency financial help to allow the airline to operate until Oct. 28, when most of its flight operations would be taken over by its former subsidiary carrier, Crossair.

Swissair returns to skies humiliated

ZURICH—Collapsed airlines Swissair and Sabena took to the skies again on Thursday, weighed down by fears the European Union would refuse to clear state aid they badly needed to keep afloat.

Swissair, quasi-bankrupt and humiliated by the grounding of its aircraft and stranding of passengers, was able to lurch into the skies again with a short-term 300-million-euro state lifeline.

Bankrupt Belgian state airline Sabena also took off again, uncertain it would gain approval for creditor protection from a Belgian commercial court on Friday and for state aid from the European Union.

After being grounded for nearly 48 hours, the first plane of about 50 Swissair flights left Zurich airport at 10:10 a.m. (0810 GMT) heading for Johannesburg.

Switzerland breathed a huge sigh of relief at signs of the resurrection of its hallowed flag carrier, a symbol of Swiss reliability and efficiency brought down by inability to pay for fuel and landing fees and threats of seizure of its aircraft.

However, the government loan of 303 million euros (\$277 million) raised concern in Brussels where the European Commission, worried about the competition implications, summoned the Swiss ambassador

to the European Union.

Switzerland is not an EU member but has drawn up a series of bilateral accords with the 15-nation bloc, including on transport, though not all EU members have ratified all the accords.

Switzerland is, in any case, restrained by a competition agreement with the European Union.

Sabena flights were running normally as the company and pilots awaited the commercial court ruling expected at midday on Friday on whether the company had been granted six-month creditor protection, company sources said.

AFP

Bush bares aid to jobless workers

WASHINGTON—US President George W. Bush announced Thursday that a \$3-billion package to help laid-off workers as the terrorist attacks pushed more than 100,000 people out of their jobs.

"Not only should our government act to encourage economic growth, our government ought to act to take care of people whose lives were affected," Bush said at the Labor Department.

He called for unemployment benefits—usually some 26 weeks—to be extended by

13 weeks and for federal monies to go to hard-hit states for health care, income support and job training.

US Congress leaders said they were ready to spend up to \$80 billion in addition to current programs to stimulate an economy that most experts said was rapidly descending into recession.

Bush had asked them for a package of \$60 billion to \$75 billion.

"Almost all that money has to be spent now to generate growth in the economy," said

Senate budget committee chair Kent Conrad.

The attacks have had a devastating impact on the labor market.

The number of people filing new jobless benefit claims leapt 71,000 to a nine-year record of 528,000, seasonally adjusted, in the week ending Sept. 29, the Labor Department said.

Massive job cuts in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, in which suicide hijackers flattened the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon, fuelled the leap in benefit claims. AFP

Head of World Bank says rebuilding must follow anti-terror war

WASHINGTON—Afghanistan will need international assistance to rebuild in the wake of any military offensive to prevent the birth of a new generation of terrorists, World Bank president James Wolfensohn said.

In an interview with AFP, he said the World Bank had been unable to lend to the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan because of conflict in the country and its lack of a recognized government.

Afghanistan also had some unpaid debt, he said, but that could "probably be handled."

"The really important thing for us is that if there were to be action in Afghanistan that would bring about a change in government, the critical next step has to be nation building."

Establishing the instruments of government and assisting Afghanistan with a development program are crucial parts of the rebuilding process, Wolfensohn said in the interview late Wednesday.

"I think it is one thing to have a campaign against terror but the necessary adjunct to that is a campaign for reconstruction," he said.

"Otherwise, you remove the symptoms of terrorism but leave a framework which would breed yet a new generation."

The United States has demanded the Taliban militia to hand over the No. 1 suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Osama bin Laden, and shut down his al-Qaida movement.

The United States has already assembled 30,000 troops, 350 aircraft and at least two aircraft carrier battle groups in the region, with two more on the way.

A British carrier left Oman Wednesday for the

planned exercises and has already been made available for anti-terror action if the need arises.

Wolfensohn said the attacks, in which hijackers used passenger planes to topple the World Trade Center and damage the Pentagon, would cut global economic growth in 2002 by about 0.75 to one percentage points.

"We need to see more what will happen politically," he said, adding that the attacks showed economically that the developed and developing worlds are more closely linked than previously thought.

"The issue of poverty and development is no longer an issue of charity and throwing money outside, and is a matter of self-interest and global stability," he added.

The World Bank would adjust the forgiveness of debt in the world's poorest countries depending on the impact of the terrorist attacks on growth and commodity prices, he said.

The help would be extended under the existing highly indebted poor countries (HIPC) program.

No political pressure had been applied to the bank, Wolfensohn added.

"To this day, I can say candidly that there has been zero pressure. What is important for the bank is to adhere to its established lending practices."

"Politicizing the institution will not be good for the institution and development."

Wolfensohn said he was to meet with Pakistani Finance Minister Shaukat Aziz next week.

"There are no new items on the agenda and we will be doing our program with Pakistan because they were performing well prior to Sept. 11," he said.

AFP

Luxury sales outlook grows dimmer

NEW YORK—In the days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Lisa Concepcion Giassa and Enid Lewin drastically changed their luxury shopping habits—but in opposite directions.

Giassa, who used to buy Pantene hair products from the supermarket and never spent more than \$70 on a handbag, ordered a \$550 Fendi bag and spent \$80 on Frederic Fekkai hair products.

"I better enjoy life because in one minute I could be dead," said the 30-year-old from New Jersey. "If you have the money, don't deprive yourself. I also don't want to hide at home in sweaters and give terrorists the satisfaction."

On the other hand, Lewin, who used to spend \$1,000 on Prada and Fendi handbags and clothing, has pulled way back. She's now turning to off-price retailers like Daffy's, an East Coast chain.

"I feel somber, like the nation," said the 39-

year-old Manhattanite. "I think we are all concerned about what is going to happen. It's not fun to go shopping when everything around you is crumbling."

Luxury retailers, already hurting before the attacks because of the volatile stock market and softening economy, need more people like Giassa to go on shopping sprees. Unfortunately, the stores find more people behaving like Lewin—cutting back amid concerns about the economy or because they're just not in the mood.

Layoffs at investment banks and reports of lower bonuses on Wall Street this year also bode ill for the luxury sector. And the retailers have been hurt by declining tourism in markets including Las Vegas and Washington, D.C.

"Luxury wasn't doing that well before Sept. 11. This is going to be a difficult Christmas," said Carl Steidtmann, a director of Deloitte Research.

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Mandarin Hotel seminar

HOTEL Institute Montreux (HIM), with students from all over the world, invites interested parties to a free two-hour seminar presentation and career counseling at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Makati City, at 2 p.m., Oct. 6. Lisa Malonda, HIM regional marketing director, is speaker. The seminar aims to provide an orientation on hotel management education in Switzerland. Inquiries may be coursed through 0917-4836518, 0917-4098345, or glabakus88@yahoo.com.

DTI 1st consumer fair

IN CELEBRATION of the Consumer Welfare Month, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is holding the 1st Consumer Trade Fair at the Megatrade Hall 1, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City, ongoing until October 7. Products to be exhibited are Philippine Standards (PS) licensee holders, patented/copyrighted goods, and products and services of selected companies duly accredited by government agencies. Some 130 firms are expected to participate. Entrance is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more inquiries, call Malou de Guzman or Jean Gellor of the Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion at 890-4932, 890-4891 and 890-4877.

Petron emission testing

TODAY, Oct. 6, Petron Corp. will be conducting emission testing as part of its major sponsorship of this year's 12th Motorshow International held at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard. Petron is also hosting the Ultron Car Clubs Meet, a gathering of different car clubs, and the 9th Blaze Exotic Cars Slalom, time trial showdown of all vintage, classic, contemporary, sports and exotic car owners. Petron has also put up a corporate exhibit with displays of winning circuit and rally cars. A bazaar for lubes and daily raffle are also being held.

Upsilon Sigma Phi grand reunion

THE UPSILON Sigma Phi, Asia's oldest fraternity based in the University of the Philippines, will hold its annual grand reunion on Oct. 7 to coincide with the UP Los Baños Loyalty Day celebration. Its sister sorority, the Sigma Delta Phi, will also join the festivity. The theme of the reunion is "The Years Cannot Break Us." Metro Manila Upsilonians may call director Macy Sese ('63) at 0918-9011054, or the Los Baños secretariat at (049) 536-5418, 0917-5003664, or mayang@laguna.net.



Republic of the Philippines COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS Manila

RULES ON THE LIQUOR BAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 26, 2001 ELECTIONS, IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (ARMM)
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PRESENT

BENIPAYO, Alfredo L., Chairman
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TUASON, Florentino Jr. A., Commissioner

PROMULGATED: 4 October 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 4600

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Election Code of the Philippines provides:

SEC. 261. Prohibited Acts. - The following shall be guilty of an election offense:

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"(dd) xxx: (1) Any person who sells, furnishes, offers, buys, serves or takes intoxicating liquor xxx xxx on the day before the election or on election day. Provided, That hotels and other establishments duly certified by the Department of Tourism as tourist-oriented and habitually in the business of catering to foreign tourist may be exempted for justifiable reasons upon prior authority of the Commission. Provided, That foreign tourist taking intoxicating liquor in said authorized hotels or establishments are exempted from the provisions of this sub-paragraph."

WHEREAS, violation of said prohibited acts shall be punishable with imprisonment of not less than one year but not more than six years and shall not be subject to probation, and in addition, the guilty party shall suffer disqualification to hold public office and deprivation of the right of suffrage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, and other election laws, has RESOLVED to promulgate as it hereby promulgates, as follows:

SEC. 1. Prohibited Acts. - It shall be unlawful for any person, including owners and managers of hotels and establishments to sell, furnish, offer, buy, serve or take intoxicating liquor in the ARMM.

SEC. 2. Prohibition Period. - The liquor ban shall be in force and effect on the day before the election (November 25, 2001) and on election day (November 26, 2001).

SEC. 3. Exemption. - Hotels and other establishments located in the ARMM duly certified by the Department of Tourism as tourist-oriented and habitually in the business of catering to foreign tourists may be exempted from the liquor ban, PROVIDED they secure prior written authority upon showing that there are justifiable reasons therefor from the action officers enumerated in Sec. 4 hereof.

Only foreign tourists taking intoxicating liquor in said authorized hotels or establishments are exempted from the prohibition.

SEC. 4. Where to apply for and secure exemption. - Applications for exemption together with supporting documents, shall be filed with, and duly acted upon by the following: Provincial Election Supervisors with respect to establishments located in the municipalities within their respective provinces, and City Election Officers with respect to those located within their respective cities' districts.

SEC. 5. Conditions for the grant of exemptions. - Exemption may be granted only upon compliance and submission of the following:

- The request/petition/application for exemption must be under oath and must contain a statement that the hotel/establishment operators/owners have not been convicted for an election offense;
- Certification by the Department of Tourism that: 1] the requesting hotel or establishment is tourist-oriented and is habitually engaged in the business of catering to foreign tourists; 2] said hotel or establishment is currently licensed to do business; and 3] that the individual or establishment has paid the required taxes and/or fees imposed by the government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.

SEC. 6. Revocation of exemption. - The exemption granted may be revoked or set aside by the Commission upon petition of any interested party on showing, among others, that the reason upon which the exemption was made does not exist or is not justifiable, or that the requesting party or applicant has committed misrepresentation in the application, or introduced or submitted falsified documents.

SEC. 7. Who shall implement. - The Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), National Bureau of Investigation, Regional Election Directors of Regions 9 and 12, Assistant Regional Election Directors of said Regions, Provincial Election Supervisors, Elections Officers and the Comelec Election Laws Enforcement Team (ELET) if any, which will be fielded by the Commission in specific areas, shall implement this resolution.

SEC. 8. Effectivity. - This resolution shall take effect on the seventh day following its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

SEC. 9. Dissemination. - The Education and Information Department shall cause the immediate publication of this resolution for two consecutive days in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation and shall furnish copies thereof to the Department of Tourism, Association of Hotels and Restaurants, Regional Election Directors, Provincial Election Supervisors, Election Officers, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the National Bureau of Investigation, and the accredited Citizens Arm of the Commission.

SO ORDERED.

ALFREDO L. BENIPAYO
Chairman

LUZVIMINDA G. TANCANGCO
Commissioner

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(PDI-001, 6/7, 2001)



Republic of the Philippines COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS Manila

AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS TO APPOINT, FILL POSITIONS AND TRANSFER OR REASSIGN ITS PERSONNEL DURING THE PROHIBITED PERIODS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NOVEMBER 26, 2001 ELECTIONS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO.

PRESENT:

BENIPAYO, Alfredo L., Chairman
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TUASON, Florentino A. Jr., Commissioner

x ----- x Promulgated: 4 October 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 4603

WHEREAS, Sec. 56 and Sec. 261, paragraphs (g) and (h), of the Omnibus Election Code, provide as follows:

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"SEC. 56. Changes in the composition, distribution or assignment of field offices. - The Commission may make changes in the composition, distribution and assignment of field offices, as well as its personnel, whenever the exigencies of the service and the interest of free, orderly, and honest election so require: Provided, That such changes shall be effective and enforceable only for the duration of the election period concerned and shall not affect the tenure of office of the incumbents of positions affected and shall not constitute a demotion, either in rank or salary, nor result in change of status; and Provided, further, That there shall be no changes in the composition, distribution or assignment within thirty (30) days before election, except for cause and after due notice and hearing, and that in no case shall a regional or assistant regional director be assigned to a region; a provincial election supervisor to a province; or a city or municipal election registrar to a city or municipality, where he and his spouse are related to any candidate within the fourth civil degree of consanguinity or affinity as the case may be."

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SEC. 261. Prohibited Acts. - The following shall be guilty of an election offense:

XXX XXX XXX

(g) Appointment of new employees, creation of new position, promotion, or giving salary increases. - During the period of forty five (45) days before regular election and thirty days before a special election; (1) any head, official or appointing officer of a government office, agency or instrumentality, whether national or local, including government-owned or controlled corporations, who appoints or hires any new employee, whether provisional, temporary or casual, or creates and fills any new positions, except upon prior authority of the Commission. The Commission shall not grant the authority sought unless, it is satisfied that the position to be filled is essential to the proper functioning of the office or agency concerned, and that the position shall not be filled in a manner that may influence the election. (underlining supplied).

As an exception to the foregoing provisions, a new employee may be appointed in case of urgent need: Provided, however, That notice of the appointment shall be given to the Commission within three days from the date of the appointment. Any appointment or hiring in violation of this provision shall be null and void.

XXX XXX XXX

(h) Transfer of officers and employees in the civil service. - Any public official who makes or causes any transfer or detail whatever of any officer or employee in the civil service including public school teachers, within the election period except upon approval of the Commission."

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WHEREAS, the aforementioned provisions are applicable to the elections of officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao on November 26, 2001;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to appoint, transfer or reassign personnel of the Commission on Elections in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao during the prohibited period in order that it can carry out its constitutional duty to conduct free, orderly, honest, peaceful and credible elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission on Elections by the virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code and other election laws, as an exception to the foregoing prohibitions, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to appoint, hire new employees or fill new positions and transfer or reassign its personnel in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, when necessary, in the effective performance of its mandated functions during the prohibited period, provided that the changes in the assignment of its field personnel within the forty-five (45) day period before election day shall be effected after due notice.

This resolution shall take effect on the seventh day after its publication in two (2) daily newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Let copies hereof be furnished the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for its information and guidance.

ALFREDO L. BENIPAYO
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(PDI-001, 6, 2001)

A gathering of math educators

THROUGH the years, I have received inquiries from high school and college math teachers about organizations they can join. Invariably, among the list I would provide them would be the Philippine Council of Mathematics Teacher Educators Inc. (Mathted), the board of which I serve until 2003 together with some of the country's top educators, both from the academe and government.

Mathted is a national organization of Filipino mathematics educators who are involved in teacher training. It has been in the forefront of providing teacher-

training programs for secondary and elementary mathematics teachers, as well as tertiary teachers.

Mathted has also promoted research in mathematics education and published noteworthy papers in its official publication, "Intersection: Mathematics Teaching and Learning." As editor of this journal, I take this opportunity to invite all mathematics teachers (of whatever level) to submit research articles, commentary, and book reviews on math education. Send your articles to mathted@mathsci.math.admu.edu.ph. The Mathted Biennial Conference

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Queena N. Lee-Chua



2001 will be held on Oct. 19 and 20 at the RACSO's Woodland in Guimbal, Iloilo. Hosted by the Western Visayas State University, the conference has for its theme "Curricular Issues and New Technologies."

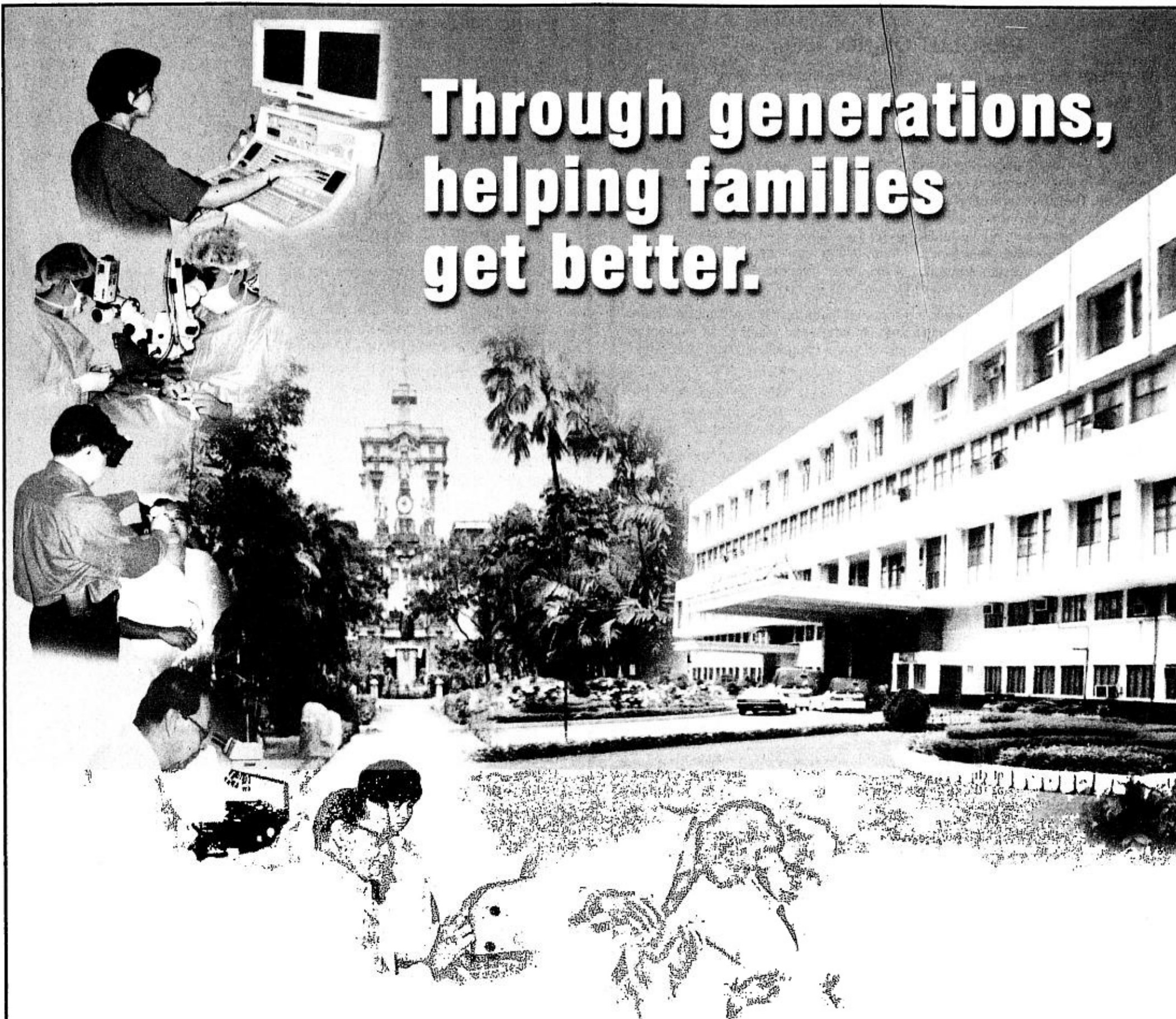
The conference will feature plenary talks, parallel sessions and workshops on computer and hand-held technology that aim to provide participants the opportunity to upgrade their teaching competencies. Participants will be exposed to current problems and trends in math teaching and learning. It will show the research efforts that have been done to address the issues on curriculum and new technologies and raise awareness on the importance of research in math education. There will be a forum for research collaboration and institutional linkages. Plenary speakers include Dr. Jorge

Urrutia, Dede de Haan, Dr. Milagros Ibe, Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J. and Dr. Ninette de las Peñas. Dr. Urrutia will talk on "Topics in Combinatorial Geometry" while Dede de Haan will discuss "Teaching Strategies in the Netherlands and in the Philippines Compared." Father Nebres will talk about "Technology in Math Education" and Dr. De las Peñas will discuss the calculator as a learning and teaching device. Dr. Ibe's topic is "Congruence Among Math Teaching Methods, Textbook Presentation, and Testing: Explaining Our Students' Dismal Performance in the TIMSS."

Conference sponsors include the DOST Science Education Institute, Casio Calculators and the Commission on Higher Education. DOST SEI is sponsoring the conference dinner and the publication of the proceedings and program. Casio Calculators is conducting the workshops and giving away prizes. CHED had issued a memo for the conference.

Those interested in this conference can contact Dr. Ninette de las Peñas at the Ateneo de Manila University, Mathematics Department, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Tel. No. 426-6001 local 5680, or e-mail mathted@mathsci.math.admu.edu.ph.

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The case

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be prevented with a polyvalent vaccine containing the common types of pneumococci bacteria. However, the vaccine is not recommended for someone who already has influenza.

Bed rest, lots of water and juices to prevent dehydration, and adequate nutrition are the mainstays of treatment. Physical exertion should be avoided until 24 to 48 hours after the body temperature returns to normal. Treatment is usually symptomatic, consisting of antipyretics and analgesics for fever and aches. Currently, some antiviral drugs are available such as rimantadine, amantadine and oseltamivir, but these are usually reserved for more severe types of flu, or for those who are at high-risk for complications.

Gerry, Jon-jon and Liezl felt a lot better two days after their symptoms started. They're well enough to go back to school, but their school officials suspended classes for the rest of the week. It's not so bad an idea, the three kids think. And even if it takes them another week to fumigate the school grounds, they can live with that. No complaints, absolutely none. The three are enjoying their "sick holiday" just like most normal children their age.

(Dr. Castillo is a past president of the Philippine Heart Association/Philippine College of Cardiology. For inquiries, e-mail raffymd@i-manila.com.ph.)

Is the world ready for more terrorist acts?

What you need to know about biological and chemical terrorism

BY CHARLES E. BUBAN

REMEMBER "Outbreak"? Six years ago, this movie starring Dustin Hoffman showed us how potent the Ebola virus could be in wiping out an entire community in Africa and (almost) Los Angeles. However, the movie wasn't just a product of its scriptwriter's imagination. In fact, two separate books, "Factories of Death" by Sheldon H. Harris and "Prisoners of the Japanese: POWs of World War II in the Pacific" by Gavan Daws tell of a similar story. They are about the harrowing exploits of Shiro Ishii, a Japanese army officer and physician, who experimented with germs during World War II. The books recounted how Ishii used a biological-warfare unit disguised as a water-purification compound in testing his germs on tens of thousands of Chinese soldiers and civilians in Manchuria.

According to the books, Ishii was able to field test his germs on his unknowing victims who died of bubonic plague, cholera, anthrax and other diseases. Even US soldiers captured in the Philippines were sent to his laboratory for experimentation. It was, perhaps, our first look at the face of a new form of weapon—silent yet very potent. Unlike conventional weapons, you don't hear biological weapons "explode." You can only see its aftermath, which is as devastating as what any bomb could conceive.

Mankind has always searched for more and more powerful weapons, whether it is a bigger rock to throw, a better quality bow and arrow, or musket or a more powerful cannon. Obviously, this century it has been explosives of one kind or another. The bombs, like the nuclear, are so powerful that the target would be of no use to anyone after the explosion due to the damage and contamination.

Use of chemical or biological weapons

It didn't stop there, however. Somebody came up with an idea of inventing something that could destroy the target yet leaving everything around it intact and if there's contamination, it's short-lived. Thus, chemical and biological weapons were born.

In the last century, terrorists used violence to try to get attention. Nowadays, those who feel



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marginalized within the world economy, from religious extremists to the merely detached, increasingly just want to kill people or damage properties. They have struck mainly with guns and bombs, except for some few groups. Members of the apocalyptic Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo five years ago made headlines when they released sarin gas in the Tokyo subway system in which 12 persons were killed and more than 5,000 injured. No group, since then, has duplicated the cult's infamous feat.

If chemical and biological agents are so potent, what discourages terrorists from using them more often? A report by Rohan Gunaratna of the Centre for the Study of

Terrorism and Political Violence at St. Andrews University in Scotland, cited four factors that discourage terrorists from using chemical or biological agents. These are the historical reluctance of terrorists to kill many people; the option to remain anonymous since it can be hard to claim credit for an epidemic; the use of suicide weapons; and technical difficulty.

It seems the first three factors were no longer observed during the Sept. 11 destruction of the World Trade Center Towers in New York and section of the Pentagon headquarters in Washington, D.C. But to believe that terrorists are highly unlikely to use germs or chemicals because of their lack of technical

know-how would now be too risky to presume. Although explosives and hijacked planes are much easier to conceive, the formulas for making chemical and biological weapons are readily available on the Internet. As a matter of fact, the agents for this kind of weapon are relatively easy to conceal (through petri dish). We cannot afford to be sanguine.

Unique aspect of bioterrorism

Recently, the Washington Post quoted a former counsel to the CIA and an expert on preparedness saying that one unique aspect of biological weapons is the challenge it would bring to the public health infrastructure. The public health is the obvious first line of defense but with its limited budget and the inexperience of most health workers in dealing with this kind of crisis, education and preparation are sorely needed, says the paper.

The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention noted in its "Biological and Chemical Terrorism: Strategic Plan for Preparedness and Response" report that a large-scale outbreak will require rapid procurement and distribution of large quantities of drugs and vaccines, which must be readily available.

However, the same report also says that dissemination of a biological agent in a public place will not have an immediate impact because of the delay between exposure and onset of illness (i.e., the incubation period). Consequently, physicians or other primary health care providers will probably identify the first casualties of a covert attack but would take them some time to identify the biological agent responsible.

The CDC gave the following advice to prepare for such biological attacks:

- Enhance epidemiologic capacity to detect and respond to biological attacks.
- Supply diagnostic reagents to state and local public health agencies.
- Establish communication programs to ensure delivery of accurate information.
- Enhance bioterrorism-related education and training for health-care professionals.
- Prepare educational materials that will inform and reassure the

Critical biological agents

Category A—High-priority agents that include organisms that can be easily disseminated or transmitted person-to-person; cause high mortality, with potential for major public health impact; might cause public panic and social disruption; and require special action for public health preparedness.

- *Variola major* (smallpox)
- *Bacillus anthracis* (anthrax)
- *Yersinia pestis* (plague)
- *Clostridium botulinum* toxin (botulism)
- *Francisella tularensis* (tularemia)
- Filoviruses
 - Ebola hemorrhagic fever
 - Marburg hemorrhagic fever
- Arenaviruses
 - Lassa (Lassa fever)
 - Junin (Argentine hemorrhagic fever) and related viruses

Category B—Second highest priority agents include those that are moderately easy to disseminate; cause moderate morbidity and low mortality; and require specific enhancements of diagnostic capacity and enhanced disease surveillance.

- *Coxiella burnetii* (Q fever)
- *Brucella* species (brucellosis)
- *Burkholderia mallei* (glanders)
- Alphaviruses
 - Venezuelan encephalomyelitis
 - Eastern and western equine encephalomyelitis
- Ricin toxin from *Ricinus communis* (castor beans)
- Epsilon toxin of *Clostridium perfringens*
- *Staphylococcus enterotoxin B*

A subset of List B agents includes pathogens that are food- or waterborne. These pathogens include but are not limited to:

- *Salmonella* species
- *Shigella dysenteriae*
- *Escherichia coli* O157:H7
- *Vibrio cholerae*
- *Cryptosporidium parvum*
- Category C**—Third highest priority agents include emerging pathogens that could be engineered for mass dissemination in the future because of their availability; ease of production and dissemination; and potential for high morbidity and mortality and major health impact.
- Nipah virus
- Hantaviruses
- Tickborne hemorrhagic fever viruses
- Tickborne encephalitis viruses
- Yellow fever
- Multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

SOURCE: CDC REPORT DATED APRIL 2000

public during and after a biological attack.

- Stockpile appropriate vaccines and drugs.
- Establish molecular surveillance for microbial strains, including unusual or drug-resistant strains.
- Support the development of diagnostic tests.
- Encourage research on antiviral

drugs and vaccines.

Early detection of and response to biological or chemical terrorism are crucial. Without special preparation at the local level, a large-scale attack with an airborne or foodborne agent will definitely overwhelm the local and perhaps, the national public and even the private health infrastructure.

The case of the flu bug

BY RAFAEL R. CASTILLO, MD

GERRY, Jon-jon and Liezl went to their classes last Tuesday. They woke up that morning feeling a little heavy, with a vague type of malaise. Liezl's mom thought that her daughter was just worried about the scheduled quiz that morning. Toward noon that day, the three of them, with scores of other students in their respective schools, were brought by their teachers to the clinic, all complaining of fever, headache and runny nose.

The school physicians had their hands full that day. "It looks like the students caught the flu bug, and they infected each other," explained one lady school doctor.

"No, it's probably biological terrorism," countered some anxious and panicking parents as they rushed to take their children out of the school campuses.

Season for flu

"It's not bio-terrorism; it's just the season for influenza," the health secretary tried to pacify the public.

"Never in my career as a school doctor have I seen this extent of flu infection in this campus," commented a physician on camera.

Whether it was bio-terrorism or simple flu, the parents of Gerry, Jon-jon and Liezl didn't want to take any chances. They brought their children to an infectious disease specialist at the Manila Sanitarium Hospital. A thorough examination was done including some laboratory tests. When the doctor emerged from her cubicle to explain to them her findings, the few seconds that she paused to recheck all the laboratory results seemed like eternity to the anxious parents.

"Nothing to worry about," the doctor said with a smiling face, "it looks more like a simple upper respiratory tract viral infection. Their blood count also suggests so."

"It's nothing of the sort they talk about as germ-terrorism?" asked one parent.

"If it were so, the perpetrators would have used more virulent strains and the clinical manifestations would have been much more severe," the doctor explained. "It's more likely to be just a type of flu infection," she added and proceeded to explain what it's all about.

Viral infection

Influenza, commonly called flu, is a viral infection characterized by fever, headache, cough and colds, malaise or a feeling of not being well. Widespread outbreaks usually occur this time of the year in our country and during late fall and early winter in other countries. Many respiratory viruses have been identified to cause flu but the most common, and the ones usually implicated in epidemics, are influenza A or influenza B viruses.

Mode of spread is by droplet infection, usually coughed or sneezed out by infected persons. One can also catch the bug by direct contact with the patient's secretions, or handling infected household articles.

Flu has a short incubation period hence, most of the students in the affected campuses came to school still feeling well in the morning, only to be down with symptoms later during the day. Chills or a chilly sensation may be the initial

presentation, followed by moderate to high-grade fever in the next few days. Generalized aches and pains, most pronounced in the back and legs, are common. Many will also complain of a severe headache especially around and behind the eyes, aggravated by bright light.

Respiratory symptoms are frequently bothersome. It may be relatively mild initially, with just a scratchy sore throat, a burning sensation in the chest, runny nose and dry cough. Later, the cough becomes more severe, productive of phlegm, and may progress into an incessant type of cough which makes the patient sleepless at night. Even if all the other

symptoms have already resolved, the bothersome cough may still linger on for a few days or even weeks, especially if a superimposed bacterial infection has developed. Some cases of cough take 6 to 8 weeks to completely resolve.

Most cases of uncomplicated flu disappear rapidly within a few days—2 to 3 days in most cases, 5 days in some cases. If the fever persists beyond 5 days, chances are it's no longer flu; or, it may have started with a flu, but got complicated with some other bacterial infection.

In most instances, doctors diagnose flu based on clinical presentation, especially during the season when it's supposed to be more common. Some laboratories now have the facility to recover and demonstrate the flu virus in a culture of respiratory secretions. Blood tests and other laboratory exams may also be done to rule out other causes of febrile infections such as dengue, typhoid or infections of the respiratory or urinary tracts.

Complications

Flu infection is generally mild and self-limiting, but it may also be potentially serious in a few cases, usually due to superimposed complications. The very young, the very old, the so-called "immuno-compromised" patients such as those with cancers and other debilitating illnesses of the heart, lung or nervous system, have a particularly high risk of complications and even death, in rare instances.

Viral pneumonia is one such severe complication, which can lead to severe inflammation of the airways with bloody secretions called hemorrhagic bronchitis. It can progress rapidly and cause death in as early as 48 hours. A strain of influenza A has been implicated because few people have developed immunity for this type of flu virus and it strikes people at highest risk.

Another rare complication of influenza is inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) or heart muscles (myocarditis). Reye's syndrome is a serious and potentially fatal complication that may occur in children during epidemics of influenza B, particularly in those who have received aspirin. This is the reason aspirin is no longer used in children.

Protection, treatment

In high-risk patients, flu vaccination is recommended. About two weeks are needed for the vaccination to provide protection, hence it is ideally given a few weeks before the expected season for flu. It is not effective if given when there is already an outbreak. Pneumococcal pneumonia, which can complicate influenza, may also

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Savants reveal potential horrors of bio warfare

BY TESSA R. SALAZAR

IT'S cheap to manufacture, and it's lethal. A small laboratory can produce a biological weapon and easily conceal it.

Welcome to the 21st century, the age of biotechnology, and bioterrorism.

To affect one sq km, you need P90,000 worth of conventional explosives, or a P36,000 neutron bomb. To effectively use biological weapons for the same area, you only need P50, and you can kill 10 million people.

A gram of purified botulinum toxin could instantly wipe out the entire 11 million Metro Manila population. The botulinum toxin is three million times more potent than the chemical nerve agent sarin.

This was how two scientists from the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute described the potential havoc chemical and biological warfare could wreak on the country and how it would outmode conventional nuclear and guerrilla warfare. The scientists had submitted their proposal, "Bioterrorism—counterproliferation and preparedness: the Philippines in perspective," to the government two years ago.

They said then that the major advantage of biological weapons lies in its cost effectiveness, kill efficiency and Third World feasibility.

Call for restructuring

Molecular biologist Custer C. Deocaris and former Philippine Nuclear Research Institute commissioner Quirino O. Navarro, appealed to the Armed Forces of the Philippines to restructure its national security policies and for the military to redefine its military tactics. They had appealed to the Estrada administration to invest in research and development efforts geared toward counteracting biological warfare. They warned that this new form of warfare would render all conventional military tactics useless.

They were ignored.

Two years later and a few weeks after the terrorist air crashes in New York's World Trade Center and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., they are again sounding the alarm.

Deocaris, who specializes in nuclear biology and molecular genetics, and Navarro, a chemist and physicist, submitted their counterproliferation and preparedness plan for bioterrorism in the Philippines in July 1999.

Small lab space

In their proposal they warned that a molecular biology laboratory



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would be "inconspicuous" and "easy to establish." Equipment and supplies, they said, could be legitimately purchased without revealing its true intent.

"High level technology such as DNA amplification, cloning and genetic engineering would require only a relatively small area of laboratory space," said the statement.

"Biological warfare is not remote but it is significant and real," said Deocaris in a recent interview with the INQUIRER.

Deocaris also added that the country needs Web-based real time monitoring of epidemics. A tabletop simulation is also needed for an emergency plan while doing a scenario.

Deocaris admitted that he still has to familiarize himself with national security policies but he intends to pursue the formulation of the Philippine Emergency Plan Against Bioterrorism.

"Bioterrorism is as feasible as the genuine risk for many of the pathogens and toxins (because the materials) can easily be acquired and mass produced incognito," the two scientists said.

"At present," they continued, "some of these are legally being manufactured for research purposes in the Philippines. Nevertheless, if used by a terrorist, they have the potential to overwhelm our current public health system and food security."

No capability

The scientists lamented that the country has not attained an iota of capability to manage bioterrorism despite the obvious threats.

Deocaris however said he is not giving up. He is communicating with the National Defense College of the Philippines, outlining the emergency preparedness plan to the agency. The agency, according to him, has asked for a detailed output. He said that he would possibly team up with the NDC to work on a comprehensive plan for biological terrorism.

The proposal of Deocaris and

Navarro includes an integrated response by private and government facilities, guided by public health principles, that could significantly limit the morbidity and mortality of biological agents, if ever these are released in Philippine territory.

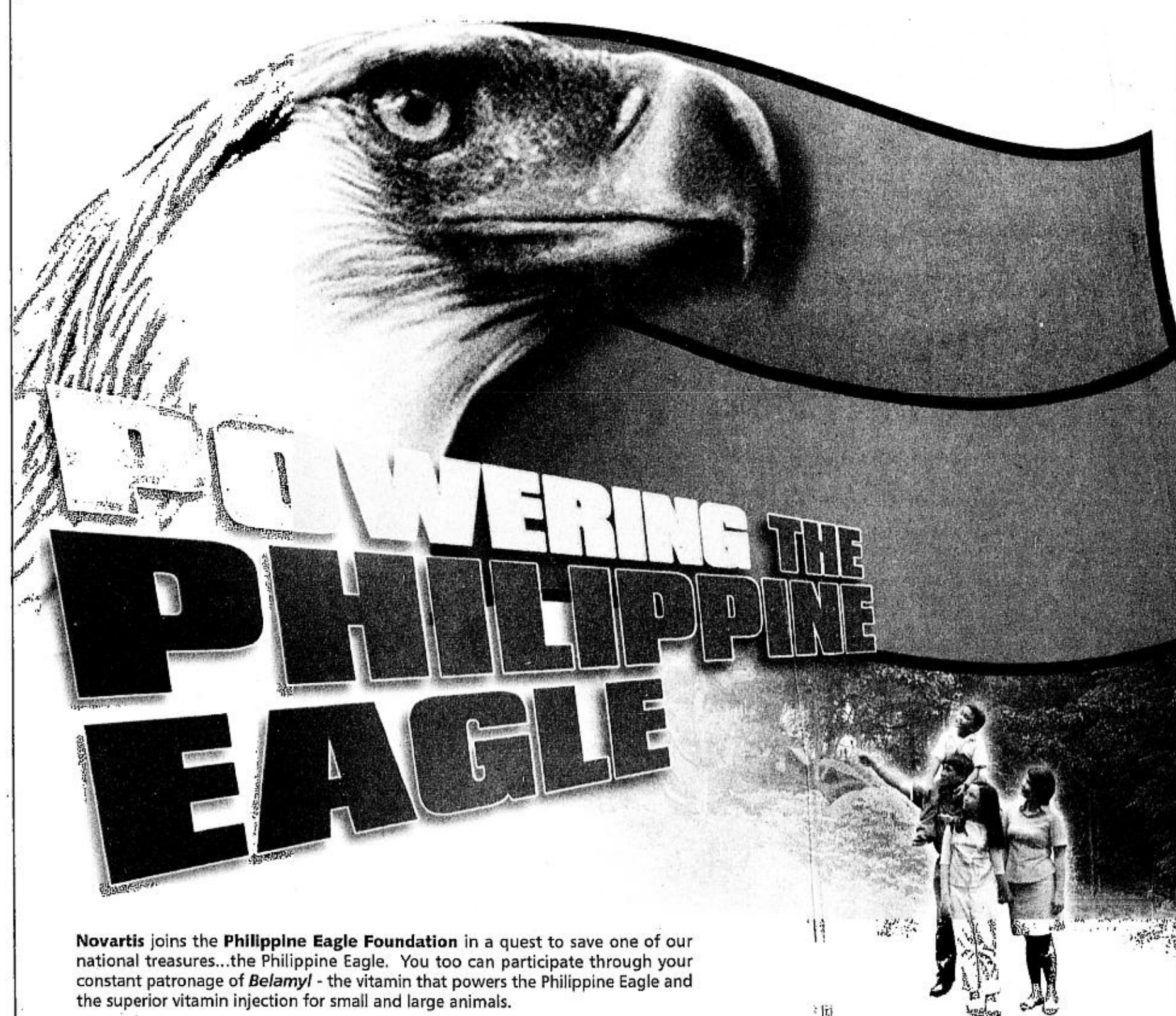
"However, this plan also needs to consider the complicated different biologic criteria, including economic impact, clinical presentation, toxicity, route of exposure and zoonotic potential," they said.

Deocaris recalled that he was on his way back to the Philippines from Italy in May 1999 when he met a Filipino consultant on transnational terrorism and a consultant of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Deocaris said that he realized that the Philippines didn't have an idea how to curb biological terrorism.

"Let us get something out of the situation now. I see an upsurge of defense research, especially in the area of anti-bioterrorism research. There are diagnostics, there are the DNA analysis. We could even come up with vaccines for cancer, AIDS, and even for ordinary diseases like tuberculosis," said Deocaris.

"Hopefully we could use our alliance with the superpowers to help science and that would make things better," he added.

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Gas masks useless, say experts

GAS masks are flying off the shelves in US and European cities as a protection against feared biochemical attacks, but experts warn that without proper fitting and training the masks could be useless or even deadly.

"They have to be used at precisely the right time and in precisely the correct way," said Brian Davey of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague.

"The individuals that are acquiring them will not be getting them or using them in the context of a controlled program and that can only be negative," said Davey, head of health and safety at the international agency.

Masks have a canister containing a carbon filter that absorbs chemicals from the air. The filter is covered by a protective plastic seal that is removed before the mask is used.

"These filters have a usual lifetime that can be measured in a matter of hours," said Davey.

People who have bought a canister that does not have a seal have no way of knowing how much life is left in the filter, he told New Scientist.

The rubber on the mask can also become stiff with time and lose its flexibility.

Without proper training, users can be lulled into a false sense of security—or even be suffocated by the mask itself. More than a dozen Israelis died during the Gulf War because of accidents with gas masks. Half of them suffocated because they failed to remove the seal before putting the mask on.

"They thought they were dying of nerve gas," Jack Sawicki, an expert in protective clothing at Geomet Technologies in Germantown, Maryland, said. "But they just hadn't taken the plug out."

Mask users also have to be clean-shaven to ensure that the mask has an effective seal around the face, to prevent germs or gas fumes from seeping in. Men with beards or even a day's stubble are likely to compromise the seal.

Even if the mask is okay and the owner knows how to use it, the device still gives no protection against the many chemical weapons that can penetrate the skin, and for which a fully rubberized suit is needed.

And protective gear in itself cannot help if the user is not alerted in time.

"An attack is unlikely to materialize as a plane going over and a huge cloud coming out of it. It'll arise as sick people," Davey said.

"The problem is that people don't have an early warning system. You'd have to wear a mask all the time." AFP, Reuters

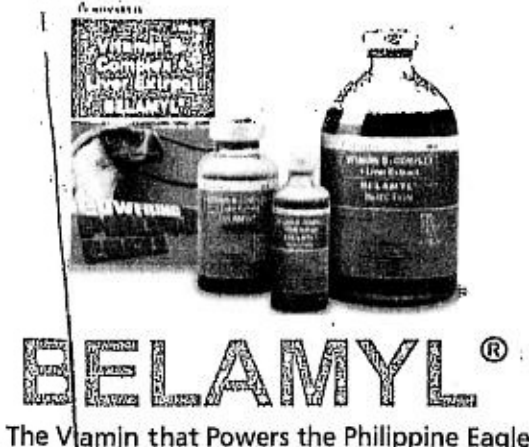
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Erratum

WE inadvertently used the wrong caption for American cancer specialist Dr. George Fisher's photo in our Sept. 29 issue. We identified the two people who were with Fisher as Doctors Alberto Roxas and Miriam Calangui. The caption should have read: "Dr. George Fisher stands tall over his patients, Toro Yabut and Rio Diaz-Cojuangco." Our apologies.



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'Jose Rizal' set for long run at Iwanami Hall

BY NESTOR U. TORRE

FOR the first time since it opened in 1968, Tokyo's internationally famous "cathedral of film," Iwanami Hall, will showcase a Filipino movie this December 2001 and January 2002.

Special showcase

The first Filipino movie chosen for this special showcase is Marilou Diaz-Abaya's "Jose Rizal," which this early is already being promoted in Tokyo newspapers and magazines as a signal event on the Asian film scene.

Last Sept. 21, Marilou flew to Tokyo from Fukuoka City, where she had received the much coveted Asian Culture Prize. After only a few days' respite, which she spent watching a Kabuki presentation, going to Kamakura and spending an entire afternoon at Tokyo's museum of modern art, Marilou faced a daunting schedule of five or six interviews per day for four days in a row.

We saw why Iwanami Hall, Tokyo's premiere art house for the best that the film world has to offer, has survived and even flourished for more than 30 years: It may screen only three or four carefully chosen films a year, but it ensures each movie's successful run by getting Tokyo's top media outlets interested in the film's various aspects.

Media people

To this end, it brings over the film's director, to be interviewed by various media people, not just on the film as film, but also as a social or cultural document.

This thoughtful, many-pronged approach is intended to help the film reach out to different specialized audiences, aside from mainstream lovers of good movies.

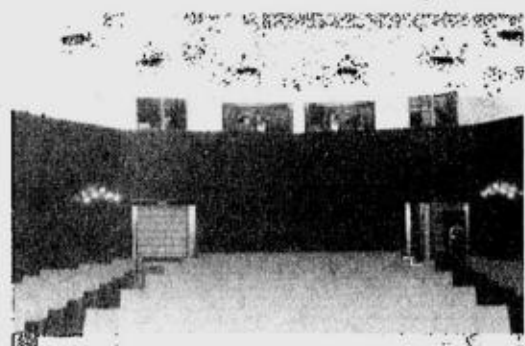
It takes a lot of planning and coordination to pull this multi-level campaign off, but Iwanami Hall's committed and creative staffers definitely measure up to that high standard.

In all this, the film itself is of paramount importance, but it is its director who has to put the production's best face (not to mention mind and heart) forward for Tokyo's demanding and discriminating media. Happily, Marilou was completely up to the rigorous task.

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THE POSTER for "Jose Rizal's" Tokyo run.



IWANAMI Hall's main theater.



IWANAMI Hall's leading light Etsuko Takano (third from left) with Japanese film luminaries (L-R) directors Kumai Kei, Akira Kurosawa and Yamada Yoji, and international star Toshiro Mifune.

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HERMOSA. Star quality.

How to win Kristine Hermosa's heart

BY JOCELYN VALLE

WHEN 20-year-old Dale Almoloza watched Kristine Hermosa in the Sharon Cuneta-Richard Gomez starrer "Minsan Minahal Kita" last year, he instantly fell in love with the young actress.

Ideal woman

"Ideal woman ko siya. Lahat ng qualities na gusto ko sa babae, nasa kanya," he declared when we met him in February during radio station WRR's culminating event for its contest, "Idol Ko, Date Ko." Dale sent 117 entries just so he could meet and be near Kristine!

We don't blame the young guy. Kristine is indeed one of the prettiest and most promising stars in show business today. The first time Allan Real of Channel 2's Talent Center saw Kristine, who started performing on "Ang TV" in 1996

at age 12, he knew she would go places.

"Pretty na siya talaga," he recalls with certainty. "May star quality. Timid lang siya at, first, napilitan lang kasi, siya mag-artista."

The following year, Allan was tasked to take care of Talent Center's Star Circle, Batch 4, which included Kristine. Since then, she has appeared in several movies of ABS-CBN's film production arm, Star Cinema, and got the attention of TV viewers by being a regular in hit shows like "Kaybol," "Cyberkada," "Sa Sandaling Kailangan Mo Ako" and currently on "Pangako Sa 'Yo.'" (She also endorses Maxi-Peel Exfoliant, Street Jeans and Illustrazio Bags.)

Batchmate

The popular *teleserye* also features Jericho Rosales, who is Kristine's Star Circle batchmate and likewise her *ka-love* team. They are only good friends, though, the duo maintains.

This is good news for Dale and

the other young men who are similarly smitten by Kristine's beauty and charms. Moreover, she's now 18. She had a grand debut party at the Manila Polo Club on Sept. 9 and the momentous event was shown on "Star Studio" a week later.

But, guys, before you even think of asking Kristine for a date, you should first take note of what her mom Ma. Alma Orille Hermosa has related to us about her lovely daughter's privileges now that she's a lady: "Nakakalabas naman siya," she begins,—"kapag kasama si Allan at saka 'yung ibang mga taga-Talent Center!'"

You also have to talk personally to either Kristine's mom or dad Maximilian for approval. Ms. Hermosa tells us that they really screen the guys who want to know their daughter better. "Hindi namin inaaway ang mga suitors niya," she clarifies, though. "Welcome naman sila. Kaya lang, kailangan kasama kami kung lalabas sila ni Kristine. Dinner out with the family talaga."

Protective

Admittedly, Kristine's parents are very protective of her and Ms. Hermosa is thankful that her daughter understands the situation. "Hindi pa kami binigyan ng sakit ng ulo n'yah. She knows that it's for her own good," she smiles, adding that her kids (three girls and one baby boy) are very close. "Wala silang barkada. Sila-sila lang at saka 'yung taga-church namin."

And if she could have her way, she'd like Kristine to wait till she's 27 or 28 before she gets married. "Or p'wede ring 25 or 26, basta prepared siya," she allows.

Reasonable enough. This will give guys who are determined to capture Kristine's heart time to make their moves.

Your, *ahem*, future mother-in-law shares some facets of your beloved: "Ayaw ni Kristine ng mga mayabang o presko. Ang gusto niya, 'yung simple lang. Walang ere at hindi pa-sosyal. Simple rin lang naman siya. Manang nga 'yang

manamit at saka gusto niya parating naka-jacket, kaya kami ng ate n'ya ang naninili ng mga damit n'ya."

"Mababaw rin lang ang kaligayahan n'ya. Payagan lang naming pumunta 'yan sa Time Zone, masaya na siya."

She is amazed that her daughter doesn't think of herself as beautiful. "Hindi niya tanggap na maganda siya, kasi sobra din s'yang humanga sa ibang tao. Simple lang talaga s'ya. Nagkukulang lang 'yan sa bahay."

"What makes her happy? Pahinga siguro, pero kapag umuwi naman siya ng bahay, kahit late at pagod na siya, pinupuntahan niya muna ang baby brother niya."

Finally, Kristine loves seafood like crabs, especially the ones prepared at Casa Armas. So you'll know where to take Kristine and her family—if ever her parents approve of your proposed date. Good luck!

'Jose Rizal' ...

(From page C1)

Great respect

From the very first interview onward, we saw that Marilou's interviewers had great respect for her views, not just as a filmmaker but also as an engaged humanist, social and cultural observer, and even as a political analyst.

Thus, they really put her through the intellectual wringer, with each interviewer opting to tackle a different aspect of the film—Philippine history, the mind-set of heroes, film as a cultural or political force, the Muslim-Christian conflict, the recent New York tragedy, etc! One interviewer spent an hour and a half asking questions focusing exclusively on the screenplay of her movie.

No wonder, Marilou ended each day's long schedule utterly drained. But she never let on that her neurons were getting a gruelling workout and answered each question in the focused, insightful and thorough manner that it deserved. This prompted some interviewers to declare that she should go beyond filmmaking and become the Philippines' next woman president!

Freedom

Of course, Marilou demurred with a smile and a wince, saying that she loved the freedom she had as a filmmaker, and wouldn't think of giving it up for the power and perks—and compromises—of politics!

But Marilou was at her best as an unofficial diplomat for her country's arts and culture when she was given the unprecedented honor for any filmmaker of being received by both the influential Soka Gakkai and its Min-On cultural arm on the same day.

It turns out that Soka Gakkai's top leader is a great believer in Dr. Jose Rizal's heroic views and works, which parallel his own, and is glad that Marilou's film will be showing in Tokyo soon.

Support

Even better, Soka Gakkai officials have pledged their support for the Rizal movie throughout its six-week Tokyo run. This is a major boost, considering that the Soka Gakkai has more than 10 million members!

It's no wonder that, this early, the prediction is that "Jose Rizal" will be a hit when it plays at Iwanami Hall starting this December. And that talks have already been initiated for another Diaz-Abaya film, "Muro-Ami," to play next year at the same prestigious film venue.

New movies lift North American box office

LOS ANGELES—Three new films helped lure moviegoers back to North American theaters after a woeful weekend resulting from fallout over the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Mystical drama

The Michael Douglas thriller "Don't Say a Word" opened as the No. 1 film, taking in \$17.1 million over the weekend. It was followed by Ben Stiller's comedy "Zoolander," which opened in second place with \$15.5 million. Anthony Hopkins' mystical drama "Hearts in Atlantis" premiered at No. 3 with \$9 million.

Overall, the top 12 films grossed \$64.1 million, up 22 percent from the same weekend a year ago and up 47 percent from last weekend, when Hollywood's slate of new films was weak because of schedule changes after the attacks. The top 12 movies last weekend grossed just \$43.5 million, the industry's poorest showing this year.

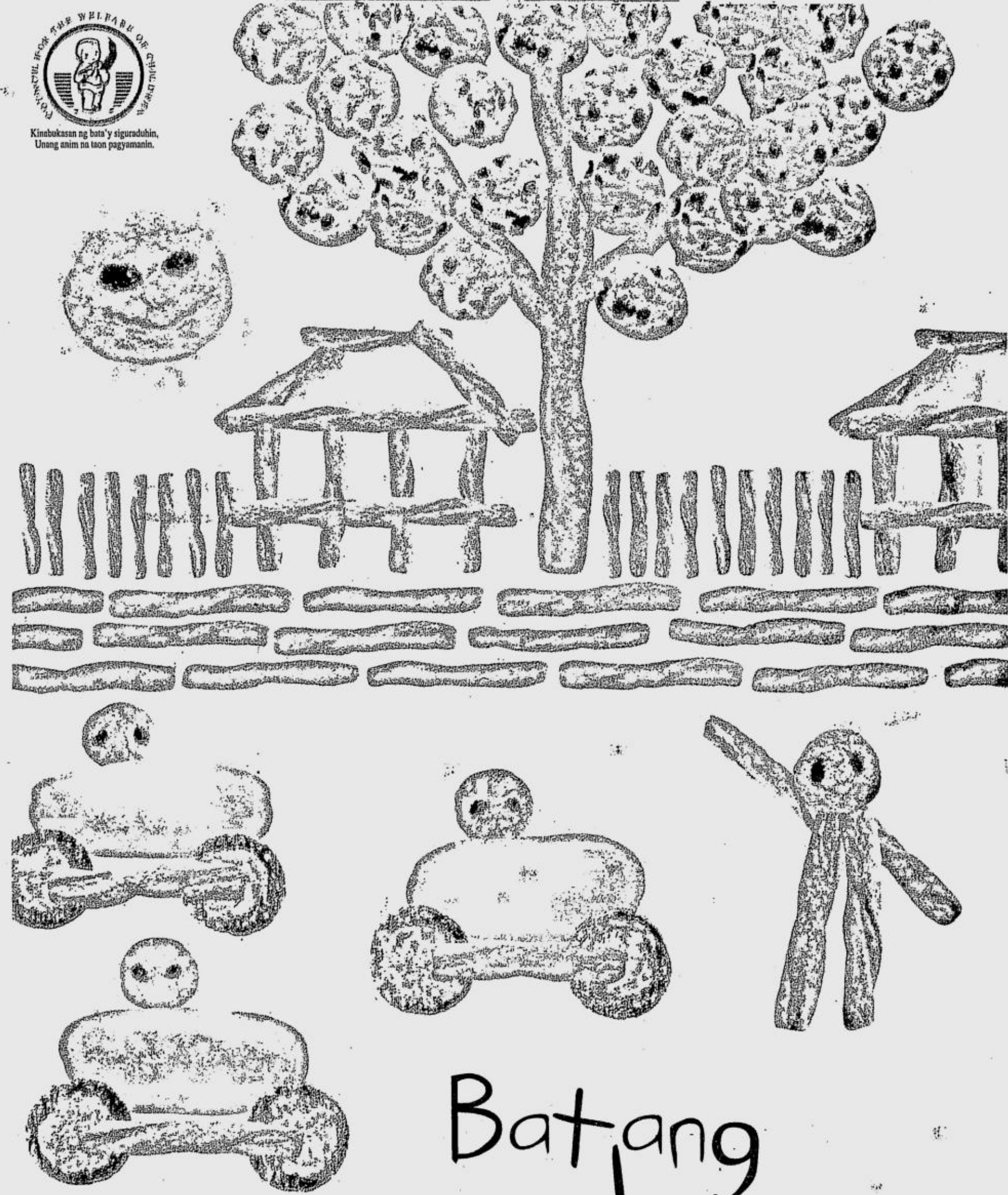
Studios pulled or delayed several big films last weekend. Among them were "Training Day," rescheduled for release this Friday, and "Big Trouble," postponed because it includes a scene about a bomb on a plane.

Top 10 movies

The top 10 movies at North American theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACNielsen EDI Inc.:

1. "Don't Say a Word," Fox, \$17.1 million, 2,802 locations, \$6,099 average, \$17.1 million, one week.
2. "Zoolander," Paramount, \$15.5 million, 2,507 locations, \$6,193 average, \$15.5 million, one week.
3. "Hearts in Atlantis," Warner Bros., \$9 million, 1,751 locations, \$5,152 average, \$9 million, one week.
4. "Hardball," Paramount, \$5.2 million, 2,218 locations, \$2,325 average, \$26.3 million, three weeks.
5. "The Others," Miramax, \$4.8 million, 2,724 locations, \$1,757 average, \$86.7 million, eight weeks.
6. "Rush Hour 2," New Line, \$2.5 million, 2,086 locations, \$1,191 average, \$219.2 million, nine weeks.
7. "The Glass House," Sony, \$2.1 million, 1,601 locations, \$1,316 average, \$15 million, three weeks.
8. "The Musketeer," Universal, \$1.74 million, 2,364 locations, \$735 average, \$25.5 million, four weeks.
9. "Rat Rhee," Paramount, \$1.7 million, 2,024 locations, \$841 average, \$54.1 million, seven weeks.
10. "Two Can Play That Game," Sony/Screen Gems, \$1.6 million, 1,188 locations, \$1,371 average, \$20.6 million, four weeks.

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TWO FOR THE SHOW

Director Bobby Garcia has got what it takes

BY MARY ANN A. BAUTISTA
AND RICKY T. GALLARDO

HE may as well be an actor because of his good looks, but Bobby Garcia has opted to stay behind the camera where he says, "it's more challenging and fulfilling."

Garcia's real passion is creation, whether it be for the stage, television or film.

Garcia first broke into the Manila theater scene when he staged David Mamet's "Oleanna" in 1994 but it was the controversial Asian premiere of "Angels in America" the following year which made people take notice of his promise as a director.

He went on to call the shots in Manila productions of "Chess," "How I Learned to Drive," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," "Miss Saigon" and "Rent," perhaps his most celebrated work so far.

Last night, "Rent" re-opened at the GSIS Theater. This is the best cast ever, we reckon, and the most powerful ensemble of vocal power. And there are a lot of changes in this latest staging.

"I never do carbon copies, specially in re-stagings," Garcia stresses "and I make sure the characters connect with a keen sense of truth and a whole lot of heart."

A-1 acting in 'La Vida Rosa'

We went to the premiere of Chito Roño's new film "La Vida Rosa" and we were happy that the movie had many surprises in terms of compelling performances.

Topping our list is Liza Lorena who plays the blind mother of lead actress Rosanna Roces. For sure, she'll be a strong contender for best supporting actress when film awards are handed out next year.

We liked Rosanna Roces here and we think she's perfect for her role. Finally, she has arrived as an actress. Nonie Buencamino, Pen Medina and Vic Diaz also gave commendable performances.

Another actor who deserves two thumbs-up is Jiro Manio who played Roces's son. This young boy is a natural!

Eula versus Jean

On their daily soap, Eula Valdez plays Amor Powers and Jean Garcia is Madame Claudia. Both women have fallen for the charms of Tonton Gutierrez's character, Edgardo Buenavista. Tonight, Valdez and Garcia renew their rivalry when they fight it out for the best drama actress plum in the 15th PMPC Star Awards for TV.

We think Valdez has the edge but we wouldn't be surprised if the PMPC members decide on a tie. We're quite sure, though, that "Pangako Sa 'Yo," which already has an Asian TV Awards commendation, will top all the categories where it got nominations, including Best Drama Series, and Best Drama Actor for Jericho Rosales.

Jericho's big birthday bash

All roads led to the Powerplant mall at Rockwell last weekend for the big birthday celebration of young drama actor Jericho Rosales. Thrown by the owners of Dish (Enrico Dee, EJ Litton and Philip Cu-unjieng), Jericho's bash turned into a truly star-studded affair.

Spotted while Juan Miguel Salvador and his Rage band were performing on stage, were Jericho's rumored girlfriend Kristine Hermosa, Carlos Agassi, Diether Ocampo, Bernard Palanca and Piolo Pascual of The Hunks, Vanessa del Bianco—etc!

Mariella makes her mark

Mariella joined amateur singing contests to help her poor family. She remembers that her English diction wasn't so good when she sang "One Moment in Time" when she was eight years old, but she still went home with the trophy and cash prize.

Everytime she heard about an amateur singing contest, Mariella didn't hesitate to try her luck. She could travel to a remote barrio in Nueva Ecija or Batangas, armed with her determination to succeed and be discovered.

When she joined "Pasikatan sa Trese" and became undefeated champion for eight straight weeks, she impressed Ernie Garcia, who was one of the judges. Ernie took Mariella along to his provincial shows with Beth Tamayo and Isabel Granada. She honed her skills until Veneer Saturno agreed to produce her debut album un-

der Alpha Records.

KC Montero ventures into the unknown

KC Montero has had experiences with spirits and ghosts. He sheepishly admits that he has a "third eye" or the ability to be extremely sensitive to spirits. Interestingly, his new program, "Sa Dako Pa Roon" deals with supernatural stuff. In it, he plays Yuri, an enigmatic computer wizard who's also a member of the Spirit Questors.

What are the difficulties he's encountered in show biz?

"I don't have a regular schedule. It's difficult to have any kind of personal life. Also there are a lot of people who aren't real, they have hidden agendas," KC complains.

But KC admits that he's basically a happy-go-lucky, fun-loving guy. Most of the time he's happy and goofy. He's comfortable when he's performing.



ROCES. Compelling performance in Chito Roño's "La Vida Rosa."



"SA Dako Pa Roon" stars, from left, KC Montero, Assunta de Rossi and James Blanco.

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Young celebrities laugh all the way to the bank

BY NESTOR U. TORRE

WHO are the richest American celebrities under 40 years of age? Fortune magazine's September issue on the 40 wealthiest Americans who are 39 years old or younger lists six luminaries from the worlds of sports or show biz, combinations thereof:

Percentage of sales

At No. 13 is Michael Jordan, described in the feature as "the wealth-

est sports figure on the planet," with a net worth of \$398M. How did he get to be so rich? He and his agent made it a point to seek a stake in the companies he endorsed. And there is a Jordan line at Nike, from which he gets a percentage of sales.

In addition, of course, he made multi-millions (\$103M) for playing in the NBA for 15 years, his product endorsement income to date totals \$426M, and he got \$16M for his film, "Space Jam," and \$5M from book and video sales. Every little bit

helps, right?

Tom Cruise is at No. 19 with an estimated net worth of \$251M. It took Cruise a long time to become so wealthy because, early in his movie career, he acted for only peanuts and didn't hit upon the idea of building himself up as a "brand name" in show biz.

12th film

But his 12th film, "Born on the Fourth of July," did particularly well, so Cruise started to get a share of

the profits of his subsequent films, on top of his talent fee. The biggest windfalls came from his two "Mission Impossible" hits, which earned him an astounding \$155M!

Of course, Cruise will have to give up a hefty percentage of his net worth as settlement for his divorce from Nicole Kidman, but he has more hit films under his belt, so his bank account should become fabulously fat again next year.

At No. 20, rap music mogul Percy Miller (Master P) is worth an esti-

mated \$249M. He didn't get so rich from just rapping; he also produces and promotes other talents as owner of No Limit, an entertainment company with interests in music movies, video, clothes and even toys. His recording company, No Limits Records, is worth about \$179M, and is wholly owned by Miller.

Net worth

Sean "P. Diddy" (formerly Puff Daddy) Combs is another rapper YOUNG/p.C5



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who has made it big, and is listed at No. 22, with a net worth of \$231M. He is founder, CEO and 50-percent shareholder of Bad Boy Entertainment, which is valued at \$100M.

In addition to coming up with his own hit records, Combs has a stable of popular recording talents like Faith Evans and Dreams, a fashion line, restaurants and a film career (he has a role in "Made"). Like other multi-millionaire celebrities, Combs has learned to make money not just from his talent, but also from his name.

At No. 36, comedian Jim Carrey is laughing all the way to the bank with extra zest. After all, he languished for years in the lower levels of show biz before his movie career finally caught fire with "Ace Ventura, Pet Detective."

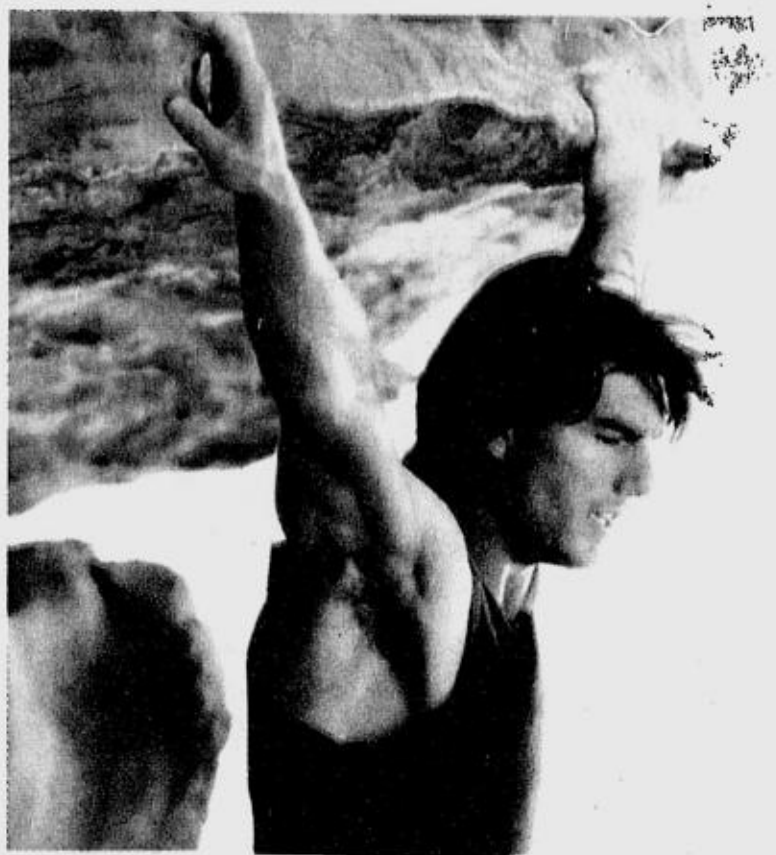
Top superstar fee

In no time at all, his talent fee went up from \$350,000 to \$7M—and that was just for starters. By 1996, he was getting Hollywood's top superstar fee of \$20M per movie—plus percentage.

His top personal moneymaker was "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Its not his biggest box office hit, but it had a lot of merchandising tie-ins, so Carrey ended up making a whopping \$59M from his participation in that single film, boosting his total net worth to \$171M.—Not bad for a high-school dropout!

Finally, golf titan Tiger Woods is only 25 years old, but he's already listed at No. 40 because of his personal fortune of \$160M. In only five years on the PGA tour, he's won \$25M—more than any golfer in history.

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CRUISE. \$251 M, No. 19.



CARREY. \$171 M, No. 36.

Meet TV's best-looking anchormen

BY REMY M. UMEREZ

CHANNEL 2 is home to some of the best-looking and credible anchormen whose dedication to their craft is beyond measure. Two of ABS-CBN's pride are Henry Omega-Diaz and JV Villar.

Daily exposure

Henry's daily exposure on "TV Patrol" makes him some sort of a celebrity. He can easily qualify as TV's best-dressed newscaster.

A degree holder from the Lyceum, Henry worked hard to reach the position he occupies. His 10 years at Radio Veritas as new reporter were not put to waste.

"Love your job" is the only secret Henry shares for those who want to succeed in life.

He cites Noli de Castro as his mentor. "I followed Noli's career and sought his advice when necessary,"

he recalls. Happily married and the father of a teenage boy, Henry is a fine example of a broadcaster who rose from the ranks. A big dream for Henry is to host a show similar to "Explorer."

Family of doctors

Boyish-looking JV Villar, who anchors "Pinoy Exposed," comes from a family of doctors. His parents were disappointed when JV chose broadcasting instead as a profession.

In his youth, JV recalls he wanted to become a singer. In fact, he took voice lessons from Ryan Cayabyab and almost applied for "That's Entertainment."

JV graduated from UST with a Bachelor of Arts, Major in Communication Arts in 1995.

Sometime during his college years, JV became an image model for Cinderella and Penshoppe; some-

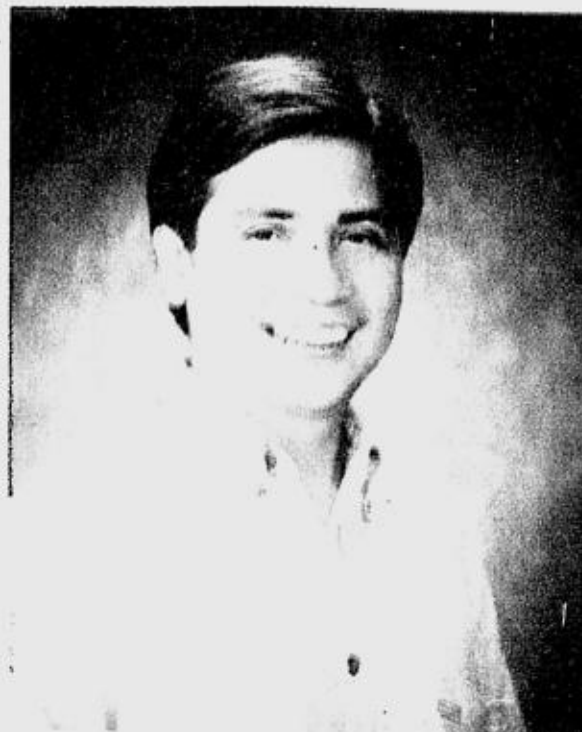
thing he did out of curiosity and fun.

In 1995, he was taken in by ABS-CBN on a cadetship career program as reporter together with Cheri Mercado and Gigi Grande. "I had to sacrifice my post-graduate studies at the Ateneo because I knew it was hard to penetrate ABS-CBN. I am very thankful to them I was able to fulfill my dream of becoming a reputable TV news personality," he shares.

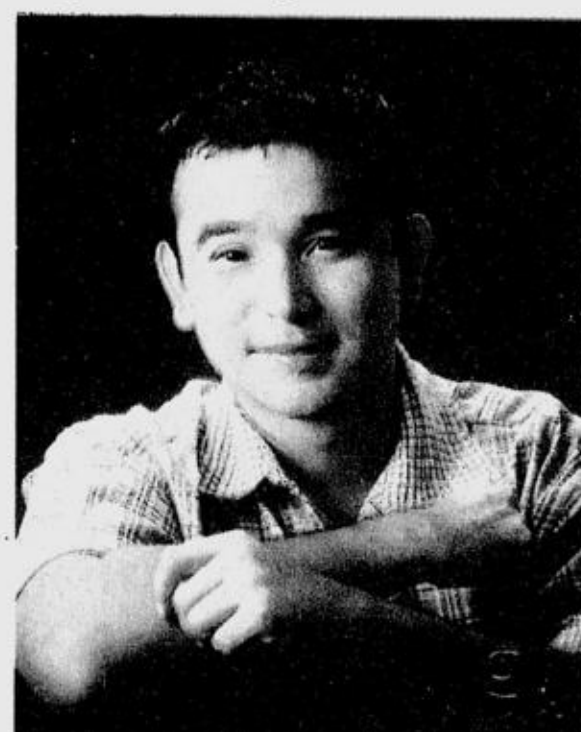
Hard work

"I work because I love my job. Money is not everything. I believe that, for a man to progress, he must first believe in himself, put in a lot of hard work, and learn from life's experiences."

A bachelor at 29, JV is attracted to women who are intelligent, hardworking and down-to-earth. He enjoys travelling and has a special interest in photography and audio video production.



OMAGA-DIAZ. Rose from the ranks.



VILLAR. "I love my job."

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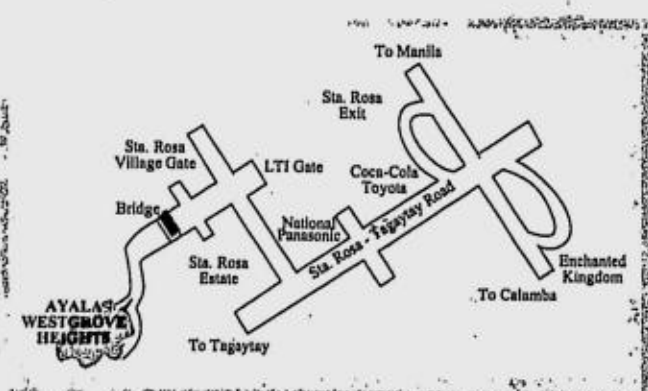
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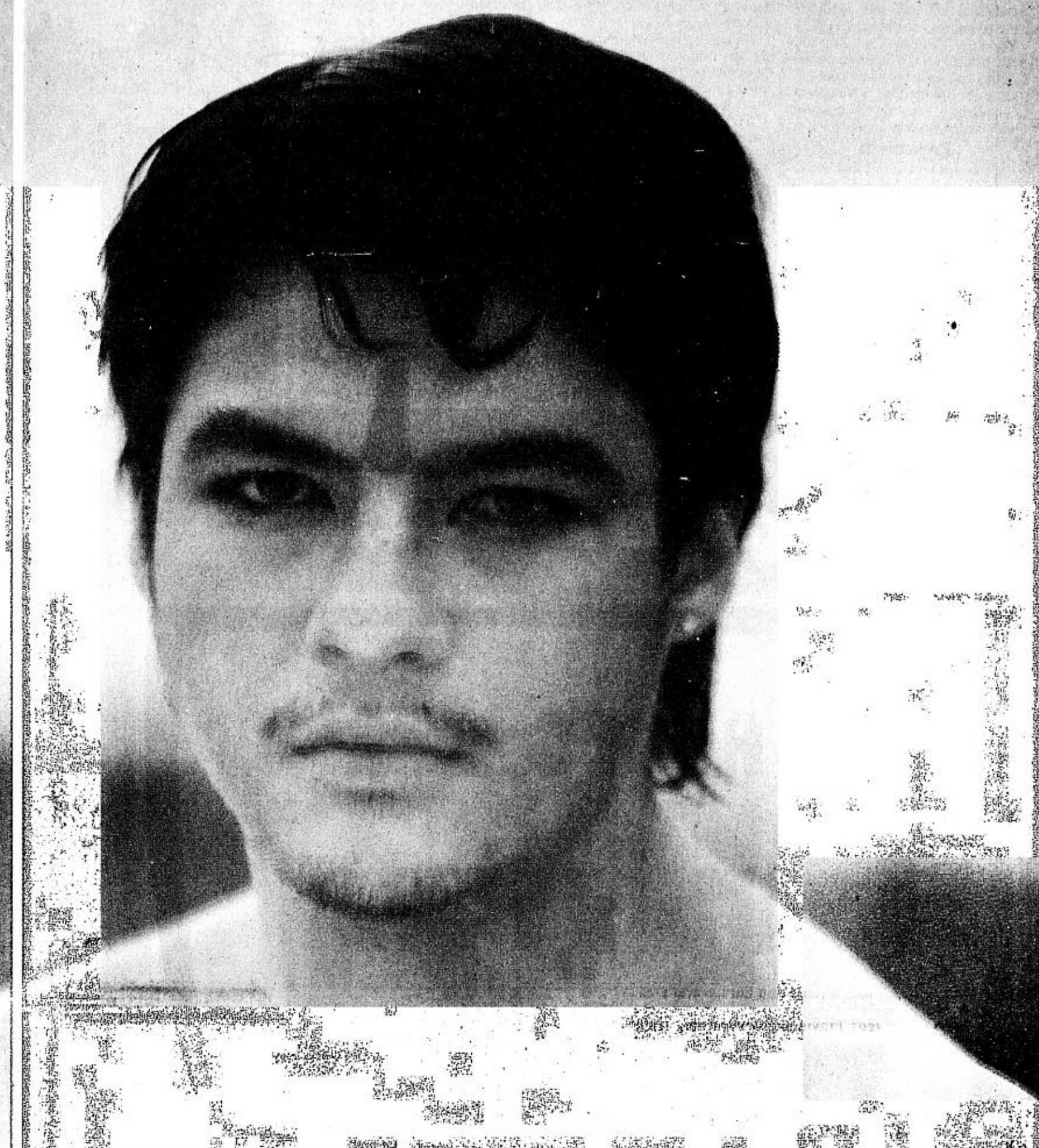
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'Accidental' Filipino correspondent covers New York tragedy

BY RICA AREVALO

RADIO listeners and television viewers are probably wondering why Ces Datu was suddenly seen reporting the recent terrorist attacks in New York City. Early this year, Datu quietly headed for the States to pursue further studies in broadcast communications. She enrolled in New York University's Television News production certificate program.

Press cards

"During the course, I shot, wrote and edited several news and feature packages. We were issued press cards and sent to cover Associated Press stories around New York together with professional news crews," shares Datu.

When tragedy struck at the World Trade Center (WTC), she was at the right place and time. "I could have been there at that time had I not overslept. It has been my routine to get off the bus at the World Trade Center where I transfer to a

subway line into the city."

She adds that her being a media correspondent was an accident. The minute Tower 1 was attacked, she got a call from Manila to report the tragedy via phone patch.

"It was second nature for me to do that. It didn't even occur to me that I was the only local reporter in New York then. That was farthest from my mind."

"I then got incessant calls from several news stations based in Manila. I never got to leave my seat by the phone. My tiny kitchen became my news bureau. ABS-CBN then proposed to commission me to do exclusive reports for their news programs and thus be their correspondent in New York."

Digital camera

The day after the WTC attacks, communication lines were down. Almost all Manhattan-bound public vehicles were out of service. Datu borrowed a digital camera from *kabayan* Jimmy Mapa and hired Philip Amores, a professional editor

from one of Manila's travelogue programs, and Rosa 'Pinky' Umaza a New York-based photographer.

She then studied the possibility of sending her footage via internet because of her lack of logistics. Fortunately, she came across a web development and digital multimedia studio, Goppo Digital.

Filipino-American owner Paul Policarpio assisted her with editing, digitizing and transmitting her reports through the internet in the wee hours of the morning to reach Manila's 4 p.m. deadline (4 a.m. eastern time). Voice-over reports were then recorded through phone patch.

For Datu, it was the most emotionally draining, difficult and dangerous coverage she had ever handled. "I want to tell the story of Filipinos who have been directly affected by the tragedy, especially those who lost their loved ones during the attacks, but I understood their need for privacy."

"Even as a journalist, I could not find the heart to call the families still



DATU. Sent her footage via the internet.

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in mourning, point my camera at them and disregard their grief in exchange for a dramatic sound bite or a close-up shot of a weeping relative."

Humane manner

She admires the American media for the way they handled the crisis. "American media censor red blood, gore and carnage in respect for the grieving friends and families of the deceased."

"I am impressed with the humane manner in which they present updates on the tragedy. There are no attempts to sensationalize and make a spectacle out of the disaster to draw viewers' attention."

"There are no close-ups of victims, dead people or body parts. Shots of people jumping out of the Twin Towers were not even aired."

"There is an overt sensitivity to the friends and families of the thousands of victims who are in mourning. They have thus far displayed enormous respect for human life, which I consider very admirable."

Regarding the Filipino community in the US, the reaction is basically the same: shock, horror, sympathy, rage, fear.

"I have spoken to a lot of Filipinos and many of them are thankful for having escaped the tragedy. Many are in deep sorrow as they have not yet found missing friends and relatives. Many have cancelled their out-of-town trips for fear of flying."

"Many of our *kabayans* have reached out and begun fund drives for the victims of the tragedy. Some who have left the Philippines to escape acts of crime and terrorism and to pursue the 'American Dream' have also realized that the US is not exempt from such attacks, and that terrorism knows no boundaries."

Trauma center

When Datu reached lower Manhattan, she went to the nearest

trauma center where she saw rescue workers, civil servants, policeman and emergency crews at work.

"The scene was overwhelming. Many were crying and anxiously waiting for missing friends and relatives. I would describe everything there as organized chaos."

"There wasn't any looting. People were just reaching out and helping one another. What really struck me was the overwhelming turn-out of volunteers and blood donors."

"Motorists, journalists and civilians were very cooperative as well, and this really speeded up search and rescue efforts. Throngs of supporters held vigils for the victims of the tragedy, and filled roadsides to cheer the passing firemen, emergency crews and police officers."

With her New York experience, Datu is more inspired to go back to her roots as a documentary filmmaker. Her thesis film, "Nag-aalinlangang Ina," at De La Salle University earlier won best documentary in the 1995 Gawad CCP Para sa Alternatibong Pelikula at Video.

"I realized that producing documentaries is what I want to pursue. While I have done some in the past, this experience has affirmed my decision to create documentaries that would eventually focus on life and the social and relevant issues that come along with it."

Radio show

Before going to New York to study, Datu was producing and co-hosting a radio show, "Miss Kita," over NBC's Angel Radio 1026. The program assisted Filipino workers overseas and their families.

"Also, I wish to continue doing public service for our migrant workers. I believe my experience here in New York has given me a better perspective on the plight of migrant workers, and has strengthened my will to serve them," she shares.



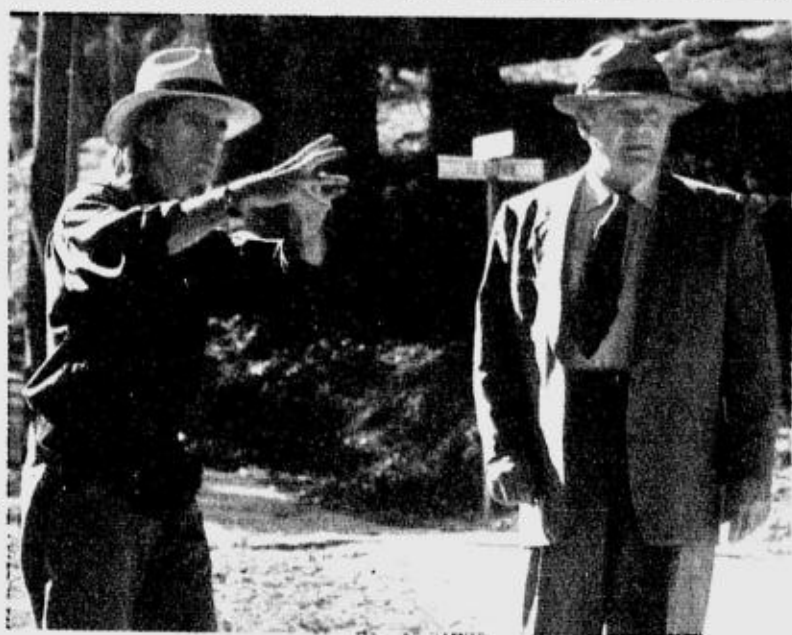
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SCOTT Hicks, left, directs Anthony Hopkins in a scene from the film "Hearts in Atlantis." The film, based on a Stephen King novel, is the seventh movie released by Castle Rock Entertainment adapted from a King work.



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Castle Rock resurrects Stephen King's reputation

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

LOS ANGELES—It took awhile for Stephen King to scare up some respect in Hollywood.

For years, his name was linked to frightful films—some well-regarded, some not—until Castle Rock Entertainment began highlighting his works' humanity over horror in dramas such as "The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Green Mile."

Attention

"These weren't the usual stories people thought of when they thought of Stephen King," said Martin Shafer, Castle Rock's chief executive officer. "When you give these stories this kind of attention, people look back and see that he's really like the Dickens of today."

Now Castle Rock is releasing its seventh King adaptation, "Hearts in Atlantis," about the friendship between a boy (Anton Yelchin) and a mysterious boarder (Anthony Hopkins), set in the summer of 1960.

"King may be a horror writer but he writes about human monsters, too, and Castle Rock was willing to look at that side of his work when others weren't interested," said William Goldman, who wrote the company's screenplays for 1990's "Misery," this year's "Hearts in Atlantis" and the upcoming sci-fi King thriller "Dreamcatcher."

Academy Award winner

"I don't know of anything else quite like it—one studio and one writer," said Goldman, a two-

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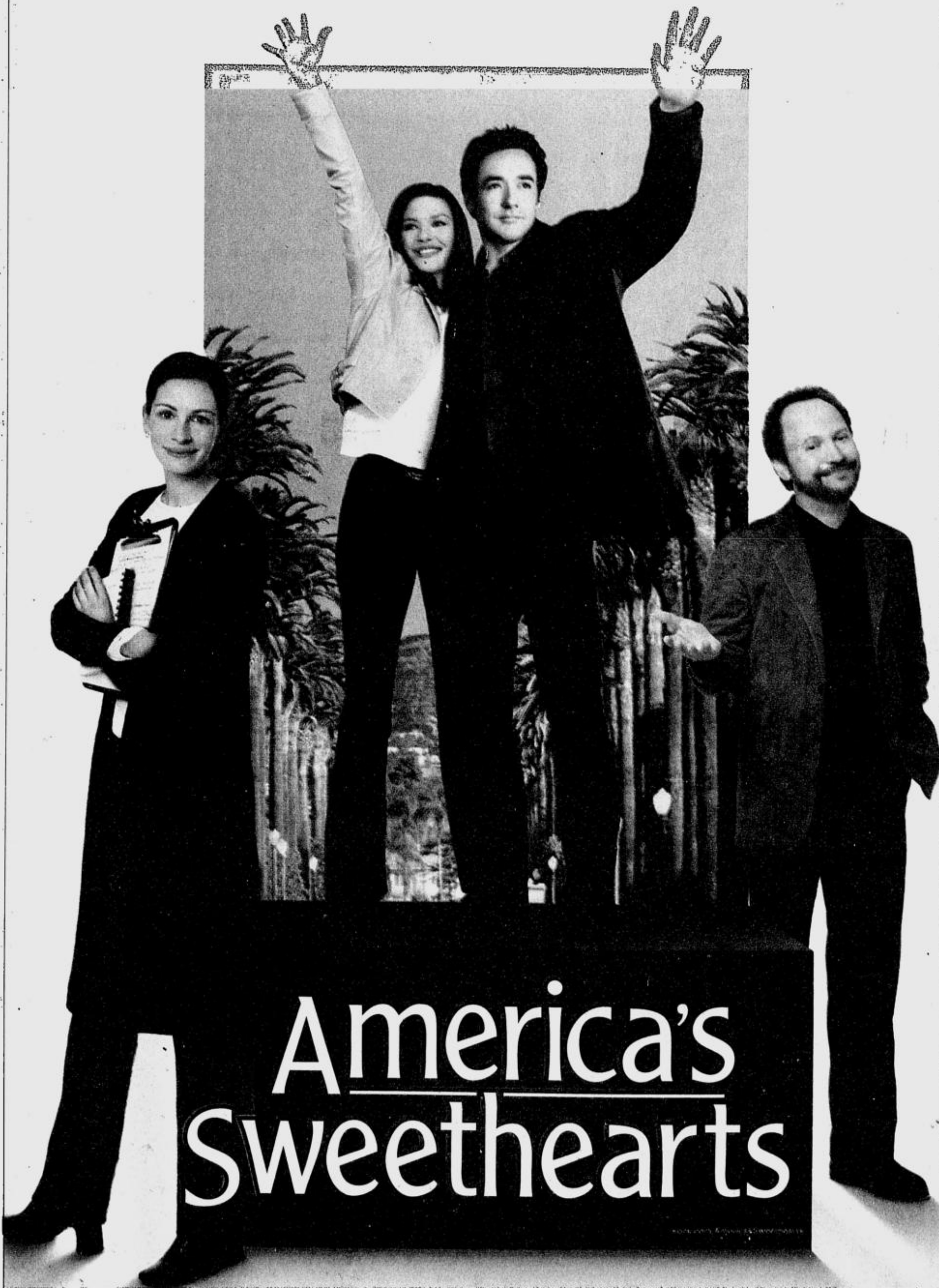
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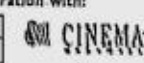
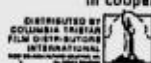
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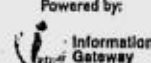
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'Anak' invited to Tokyo filmfest

BY NESTOR U. TORRE

LATE last month, Rory B. Quintos screened her film, "Anak" (starring Vilma Santos) at the Focus on Asia filmfest in Fukuoka City, Japan.

The movie about OCWs was so well-received in that festival that Rory has been invited back to Japan this November, this time to show her film in the 14th Tokyo International Women's Filmfest.

Prestigious filmfest

We hope that Star Cinema and ABS-CBN allow Rory to go to Tokyo, because she'll be in very good and important company, indeed. And she'll definitely learn a lot from interacting with the other women directors whose movies have been deemed good enough to be showcased in the prestigious filmfest.

For example, Liv Ullman (Sweden) will be represented by her film, "Faithless." France's esteemed Agnes Varda will screen "The Gleaners and I." Another French director, Sandrine Veysset, will present her new film, "Martha... Martha."

Favorable advance word

Iran is represented by Rakhshan Bani Etemad's "Under the Skin of the City," which like "Anak" got favorable advance word when it was first shown at last month's Asian filmfest in Fukuoka.

From the United States comes Lisa



QUINTOS. Gifted but unpretentious filmmaker.

Krueger and "Committed." From Italy, Francesca Archibugi and "Tomorrow." From Germany, Ulla Wagner and "Anna Wunder." And from Korea, Jae Eun Choi and "On the Way."

Japan, the host country, is well-represented by Sumiko Haneda's "The Life of Raicho," Hiroko Yamazaki's "In the Village of the Tarahumara," Chiseko Tanaka's "Rokurobyoe," Sachi Hamano's "Lily Festival," Hisako Matsui's "Oriume" and Kinuyo Tanaka's "The Eternal Breasts."

The videos of Mako Idemitsu and Chieko Yamagami will also be shown. In addition there will be a talking session with Agnes Varda and a symposium with directors from Japan, Korea and Germany.



CLAUDINE Barretto and Vilma Santos star in Quintos' most popular and acclaimed movie.

Surprise hits

Both "Anak" and Rory Quintos were surprise hits at Fukuoka. The festival audience related strongly to the film because it was a family drama, but its OCW content also got a lot of attention.

We attended the Q and A session after the film's screening, and we noted that the largely Japanese audience couldn't quite understand why family unity had to be broken just so parents could work abroad to earn more money for their children.

When the Japanese learned how much our OCWs were getting abroad as domestics, they found the amount too small to rationalize the family dislocation that is the result of the OCW

"exodus," and their hearts bled for both the parents and children adversely affected by it.

The audience was also very taken with Rory, who came across as a gifted but unpretentious filmmaker who made it a point to reply honestly and succinctly to their questions.

Bigger festival

The audience's favorable reaction to both "Anak" and its director made the people behind the Tokyo women's filmfest decide to bring "Anak" and Rory to the bigger Tokyo festival in November. Many more people will get to see the film and interact with its maker, so even better things may be in store for Rory and her biggest film hit to date.



TALENTED QUARTET. After making it big in England, a1 is now bent on winning new fans in the Far East.

a1: A world-class band that's here to stay

IF there is one big factor that has contributed greatly to the phenomenal success of top British band a1 worldwide in the brief span of two years, it is none other than its four young members' universal love for music and singing live.

Musical achievement

This has inspired the British pop quartet to go to great heights of musical creation and dedication that has resulted in an array of musical achievements highlighted by a No. 1 smash hit single, four Top 10 singles, a smash album and over 1 million records sold in the UK alone.

Fans of the popular British band will get the chance to watch their idols sing their favorite songs, notably the No. 1 hit "Take On Me," when a1 performs its much-awaited series of shows in the Philippines.

A presentation by Philips Audio, the concert series billed as "a1: The A List Tour" opens on Sunday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, Quezon City, to be followed by another show on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Waterfront Hotel ballroom in Cebu City.

Asian tour

The two-night concert series is the Philippine leg of the five-nation Asian tour of the British pop quartet to promote its latest album, "The A List." Other stops in its Asian swing include Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Thailand.

Tickets are available at Ticketnet outlets in all SM department stores and at the Araneta Coliseum. Call 911-5555 for inquiries about the Araneta Coliseum show. For the Waterfront Hotel concert, call 344-2091.

One of the best all-male pop bands to emerge in the international music arena, a1 burst into the pop scene in 1999 with the anthem "Be the First to

Believe," which debuted at No. 6, followed by the No. 5 hit "Summertime of Our Lives" and "A Everytime/Ready or Not," which scored a No. 3 smash.

Composed of Paul Marazzi, Christian Ingebrigsten, Mark Read and Ben Adams, the talented quartet greeted the new millennium with a Valentine's single, "Like A Rose," penned by the talented Adams, which secured its fourth Top Six hit, and the Madonna-beating No. 1 smash, "Take On Me," a cover version of the A-ha '80s classic of the same title.

Platinum sales

The rise in the band's popularity around the globe has been phenomenal, triggered mainly by its platinum sales in the Far East and Japan, where a1 trading cards are currently changing hands for fortunes over the Internet.

Driven by an obsession to succeed in the international music arena, the British foursome spent most of 2000 traveling around the world, winning more fans by the day, notably in the United States where it is putting together the follow-up to its "Here We Come" debut album.

Aside from creating original compositions and singing them live, they also write songs for other artists, which ultimately led them to secure a major publishing contract with Sony Music in the record company's biggest UK deal.

Scores of awards and citations firmly established the band as truly a No. 1 band. It received the Best Newcomer Award of 2000 based on thousands of votes polled from listeners of Radio 1.

Its version of "Take On Me" and "Same Old Brand New You" garnered No. 1 in the UK and Norwegian singles charts and had consistent appearances in the Top 3 all over the Far East and in Japan, Denmark, Sweden and Spain.

Castle Rock... (From page D1)

time Academy Award winner ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "All the President's Men"). "Castle Rock's not the only one doing Stephen King, but I think, for whatever reason, they do him better than anyone else."

King has consistently topped best-seller lists worldwide since publication of "Carrie" in 1973, and nearly 30 feature films have been adapted from his work.

The relationship between Castle Rock and King began in 1985 when director Rob Reiner turned his attention to the author's novella "The Body," about four boys on a quest to find the remains of a missing boy. Reiner's "Stand by Me," released the next year, became a surprise box-office success—particularly to those expecting another King slasher.

In the decade before, Brian De Palma's "Carrie," Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining" and David Cronenberg's "The Dead Zone" were well-received thrillers. But the directors' big names and distinctive styles eclipsed King's contribution. And King's name was most frequently linked to B-grade, blood-and-guts screamers such as "Children of the Corn," "Cujo" and "Christine."

"It was not supernatural. It was all very human, very real," Reiner said of "Stand by Me." "Stephen King, I think, gets a bad rap in a way... But the reality is he's just a great writer who writes wonderfully detailed characters."

King rarely speaks about his films and did not make himself available for an interview. However, he has said he considers "Stand by Me," which got an Oscar nomination for best adapted screenplay, one of the most faithful film adaptations of any of his books.

Fictional town

After the success of "Stand by Me," Reiner and several partners founded their own production company in 1987, naming it Castle Rock—after the fictional town in "The Body."

Reiner explored a darker side of King's work when he directed 1990's "Misery," the tale of a deranged fan who rescues her favorite romance novelist from a remote mountain car crash—and then tortures him.

"Although it was horrific, it was a very realistic, character-based horror piece," Reiner said. "I'm more interested in human behavior, and what people do, and who they are, and how they bump up against each other."

Goldman said he knew the film was working when King himself became engrossed in it.

"There was a great moment at the end of this screening when I saw King

hunched over the seat and saying to the screen, 'Be careful... Look out, she's got a gun in her apron.'" Goldman said.

Soon, King was offering his non-horror novels to Castle Rock.

"Castle Rock has what I call a sort of serial franchise that has shown the cinema-going public that the power of King's writing is really in his characters," said "Hearts in Atlantis" director Scott Hicks.

"King's name is synonymous with horror, but I think stripping some of that away has expanded the breadth of his work to new audiences and earned him some new respect," Hicks said.

Kathy Bates, then a little-known stage actress, won an Oscar for "Misery," prompting some A-list actors to sign on to the company's King films. Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman starred in 1994's "The Shawshank Redemption," which received seven Oscar nominations, and Tom Hanks took the lead in 1999's "The Green Mile," which got four Oscar nods. Bates herself returned to King's writing for Castle Rock's 1995 drama "Dolores Claiborne."

Willingness

One reason for the success of Castle Rock's King adaptations has been its willingness to allow the films to run long. Writer-director Frank Darabont got 2 1/2 hours for "The Shawshank Redemption" and more than three hours for "The Green Mile."

"They gave me a shot and didn't interfere or meddle or cut it down to size. They just supported and encouraged," Darabont said. "Once they're committed to something they stick with it and that's a rare thing in Hollywood."

In contrast, 1993's "Needful Things," which crammed a 752-page novel into 120 minutes, was perhaps Castle Rock's least successful King adaptation.

"We basically made a two-hour movie out of what should have been a four-hour miniseries," Shafer said.

King generally takes a hands-off approach to film adaptations, acknowledging that his skill is writing, not filmmaking.

"The author's lone foray into directing, 1986's machines-gone-mad thriller "Maximum Overdrive," founded at the box office and was derided by critics."

"We make some of the more serious pictures from his work, so he knows we care about his material and there's a trust there," Shafer said. "He doesn't tell people what should go in or not go into the film, but instead lets us do our thing." AP

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Sharon returns to Viva for anniversary movie

BY REMY M. UMEREZ

IT HAS been a tradition for Viva Films to celebrate its anniversary with the showing of a Sharon Cuneta movie. The practice stopped when the megastar payed less attention to her movie career and devoted more time to her family.

Her ties with the company, which raked in millions from every Sharon movie starrer, remained undiminished, however. She constantly got in touch with her Viva family and discussed ideas for her comeback movie project.

Reunion

For this year's celebration, Sharon's reunion with Viva becomes more significant because of two things: She is paired opposite Robin Padilla and the movie is directed by Viva's favorite director, Joyce Bernal.

At a small gathering recently, Viva welcomed the megastar back with warmth and joy. It turned out to be more of a "kamustahan" or "tsikahan" than a mini-presscon for her movie.

Boss Vic del Rosario shared Sharon's excitement and happiness that night. A few minutes later, Robin Padilla arrived and was soon joined by a pregnant Joyce Bernal and writer Mel del Rosario. Strangely, not even the two lead stars knew exactly what the title of their movie would be.

According to Joyce, the film (which starts shooting immediately—its playdate is this November) has undergone several revisions. Finally, the movie's title was announced: "Pagdating ng Panahon," from the hit song of Aiza Seguerra.

Verbal contract

Sharon trusts Viva a lot. Her contract with the company is only verbal, but she has remained loyal. "After all the years I have worked with them, they have become my second family," she says.

Originally, the project was intended for Charlene Gonzales and Aga Muhlach, until the studio learned that Charlene was pregnant. Viva toyed next with the idea of resurrecting Aiza's movie career, but Aiza's schooling would not permit her to shoot.

The Sharon/Robin starrer is more of a light comedy than an action-romance-drama. It will revolve around a family of old maids and the curse they bring on whomever they marry. Sharon will break the curse. In the story, her

family manages a buko pie business while Robin is a magtutuba.

No hard action for Robin? "Very minimal. If ever, just in one brief sequence and it is not even heavy. What he has to practice a lot is climbing coconut trees para kumuha ng tuba," says Joyce.

Transformation

"It is Sharon who will undergo a transformation here. She leaves for Manila and she returns to the province looking like a bombshell. Only then will Robin seriously fall for her. The plot is more focused on the customs and traditions still existing in the province, and secondary na lang ang romance between the two characters."

"Perfect setting ang Laguna because of its scenic atmosphere at buko pie talaga ang

ikinabubuhay ng mga naninirahan dito," Joyce explains.

Joyce will have a one-on-one session with Sharon before filming so they can establish rapport with one another. "I know that she is thoroughly professional pero gusto ko din iyong comfortable kami sa isa't isa on the set," she explains.

Sharon expressed delight in discovering how Robin has changed. When they did "Di Na Natuto" eight years ago, he was unprofessional and full of problems. It was not an enriching working experience for Sharon, to say the least.

The megastar admits she misses making movies and hopes to do at least two films a year from now on.



PADILLA AND CUNETA. Paired anew in Joyce Bernal's "Pagdating ng Panahon."

Joey's functional programming suits different listeners' tastes

PARTY animal Jazz junkie. Movie fan. The name triggers a line of name-calling. And so, after three years of concerts, bar hops, premieres and events, Joey 92.3 FM has carved out a reputation amongst urban dwellers as the embodiment of "lifestyle radio." And at the core of these activities remains the most essential element—functional music programming.

Special programs

And so, the snazziest kid on the FM block will not let up where bang-up radio is concerned. Now, Joey listeners can give in to their diverse tastes in music, with special programs and features to get them going anytime, on any day of the week.

On weekdays for example, Joey eases the strain of the working day at lunchtime with a 12-minute mind massage called "12 @ 12"—a light and easy cascade of grooves from Zantac 75. Music buffs also get a triple dose of their favorite classics from 2 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Philip Morris' "Rhythms Take Three" where Joey takes one song and jazzes it up in three different styles.

Insights

Throughout the day, city people can shimmy to a lively dance anthem on Petron's "Retro Rhythms" or get a mouthful of insights from the world's No. 1 music channel on "MTV Bytes."

For the early evening drive, Blue Ice helps cool things down with the light, rhythmic pulse of club music in "Chilled" from 6:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., followed by a stream of easy, night rhythms capped by an hour of soothing instrumentals on "Round Midnight."

Joey's got Saturdays and Sundays covered, too, with a special music mix designed to meet the demands of weekend programming. Your Friday and Saturday nights out are set to music by dynamic party grooves while the rest of the weekend is spent coasting on a smooth bed of rhythm for some leisurely R & R.

Audiences are also treated to 45 minutes of rare vintage tunes from across four decades on "Half and a Quarter Cruise" every Saturday from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., after which cravings for cool continental music are satisfied on "Figaro Sunday Brunch," a weekend spread of pure rhythm from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

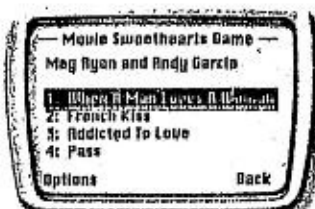
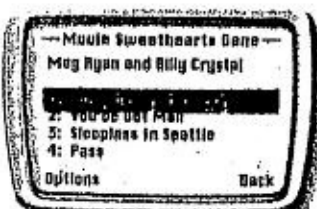
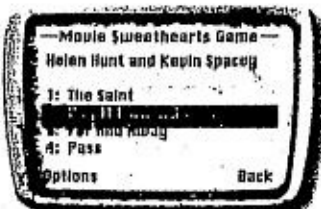
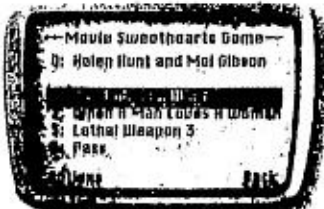
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'Nasaan si Hesus?' to be performed in Iba, Zambales

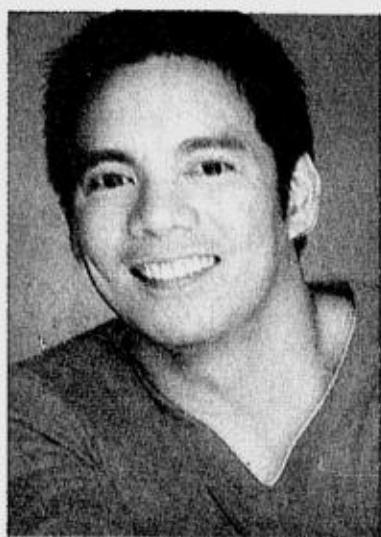
IT'S been two years since Lourdes "Bing" Pimentel's spiritual musical revue, "Nasaan si Hesus?" was first staged by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, but the show remains a popular treat for parishes and schools. It will next be performed on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. at the Iba Sports Center in Zambales.

The special performance is sponsored by Piles and Deep Foundation Expert, Inc. for the Confederation of Women's Network Foundation, the president of which is Roselyn Magsaysay, the wife of Zambales Governor Vic Magsaysay.

The musical-comedy-drama revue has clicked with audiences all over the country because it tackles the major problems that Christians are facing today in a realistic manner that motivates viewers to confront those problems in their own lives as well.

They include streetchildren, corrupt politicians, crisis of faith, exploitation of minorities, hurtful gossip, superstitious religiosity, child labor, drugs, capital punishment and teenage pregnancy.

The original songs in the show, composed by Ms. Pimentel, add greatly to its entertainment and dra-



CERRUDO. Plays a variety of roles in Pimentel's popular religious revue.

matic value, and are sung by gifted actor-singers Bimbo Cerrudo, Andy Bais, Rito Asilo, Shiela Asuncion, Arlene Borja, Albert Jimenez, Daryl Reyes, Angeli Flores, Jeanne Lim, Ray Manalo and precocious child talent Niña.

Up next for "Nasaan si Hesus?"

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are performances in Antique, Cebu and other parts of the Visayas. Last year, the show went on a performance tour of Mindanao. "Nasaan si Hesus?" is presented by the CBCP as part of its evangelizing campaign to use theater to spread God's word to audiences all over the Philippines, especially the youth.

Parishes, schools and other groups interested in having "Nasaan si Hesus?" performed in their locality can call Nandy at tel. no. 713-9323 and cell no. 0919-298-6067.

Night with Richard and Mon
Singers Richard Merk and Mon David are launching their groundbreaking act, "The Swingin' Mutual" on Oct. 23 and 30 at Monk's Dream, Jupiter st., Makati City.

Mon and Richard agree: "A lot of

people want to hear good music, not just the hits of the moment. That's why we're putting up a show where you can listen to music you don't always get to hear."

The emphasis is on swing music, which they both love to perform. "Swing is more than just music," Mon says. "It covers a lot, as far as we're concerned. It is family and friends. We really enjoy the interactive part of jazz improvisation."

Their show's predominantly swing repertoire pays tribute to their main influences—Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Nat "King" Cole and Sammy Davis, Jr.

First anniversary

Davao's entertainment center, The Venue, celebrates its first anniversary next month with a series of exciting shows.

South Border will perform on Nov. 9 and 10, followed by "Si Nura at si Velma" with Allan K and Lenard O on Nov. 16 and 17, and Side A on Nov. 23 and 24.

This past year, artists who have been showcased at The Venue include Martin Nievera, Gary Valenciano, Jaya, South Border and Side A. The biggest crowd—2,400 people—was pulled in by Side A.



MISALUCHA AND NEPOMUCENO
PERFORM AT INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Music and laughter marked the formal induction recently of Federico Y. Alkpaala, the new president of the Philippine Bar Association. "Asia's Nightingale" Lani Misalucha, serenaded the incoming and outgoing officers; Willie Nepomuceno, the ultimate impersonator, provided the comic relief.

Tingting Cojuangco chairs Ms Red Cross search

THE CHOICE is very appropriate, because Tingting has been acknowledged as one of the most beautiful persons in the world since the '70s.

Given the title of Volunteer Leader, Tingting very humbly accepted the invitation to co-chair the search for the Millennium Ms Red Cross, with Red Cross governor Richard Gordon. Few people know that her affiliation with the Red Cross began as early as 1972, when she would do the rounds of charities and relief activities with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Demetria Sumulong Cojuangco.

Good experience

Marrying into the political Cojuangco family has enabled her to give full vent to her spirit of volunteerism. She has also been governor of Tarlac. "It was a good experience working with Jun Paras," she declares, remembering the cooperation she received from the Red Cross, in particular, during the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the early '90s.

"I remember that we launched a bloodletting event in Tarlac way back then. We typed the blood, screened and computerized it." She remembers having established the beginnings a blood bank for Tarlac

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in those days.

Justice Ines Luciano, a second-term chairman of the board of governors of the Red Cross, invited Tingting and the two of them are active travelers. "We go to provinces," Tingting shares, "to invite people to become blood donors. It is amazing that those aged 18 to 25 are active givers."

Donations

The Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) is not a corporation funded by the government. Its present budgetary requirement of P289 million is sourced from contributions. There is a constant need for donations.

More on the Ms Red Cross search: There will be a pre-pageant event on Nov. 30 for the estimated 50 contestants. The Manila Hotel is a principal donor. Veteran directors

Behn Cervantes and Maria Montelibano, as well as couturiers Rene Salud and Ben Farrales, are expected to get involved. There will be no bathing suit competition, as the contestants are expected to show off their leadership and volunteering skills instead.

To contact the Red Cross, call 527-8384. AFS-RSBS is also scheduling a blood donation drive on Oct. 11 at Camp Aguinaldo in celebration

of their 25th year anniversary. Donors may call Ms Tammy Bejar at 912-3695.

TINGTING
Cojuangco (third from left) with Rosa Rosal, Justice Ines Luciano and Teresita Loyola.



RED CROSS OFFICERS AT MALACAÑANG. Seated from left to right, PNRC governors Lorna Kapunan, Mario Nery, Rosa Rosal, PNRC chairman Justice Leonor Ines Luciano, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, PNRC chairman emeritus General Romeo Espino, Millennium Miss Red Cross search chairperson Margarita "Tingting" Cojuangco, PNRC governors Dante Liban and Lina Aurelio. Standing from left to right, Dr. Cecilia Francisco, Lydia Bonalos, PNRC Gov. Princess Diamond Pangarungan; Sec. Gen. Lourdes Loyola; PNRC governors Menardo Jimenez, Leonida "Baby" Ortiz, Leonardo Fugoso, Adrian Pabayo; Luz Tabirao, Zelma de la Pena, Teresita Usapdin.

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DJ Nick Warren spins good music

BY MARY ANN A. BAUTISTA

SPINNING good music with his old friends "Massive Attack" since 1990, DJ Nick Warren continues to find DJ-ing satisfying and fulfilling. Nope, he's not bent on being recognized as the "No. 1" DJ; he'd rather be called "progressive."

Different styles

"It's nice to be recognized but I find it almost bizarre that so many DJs are fighting to be No. 1. How can you judge two DJs like Oakenfold and Andy Wetherall, who play completely different styles of music? All over the world, people listen to music; it's my job to make them appreciate good music."

"And it's not the usual fare you hear over the radio; I'd rather play good underground music and make the crowd respond to it. It's nice to see people dancing to funky music in a club, even if it's 3 a.m.," DJ Nick grins.

He started making his mark as a DJ when he joined Paul Oakenfold at the Northern club, "Cream" in Liverpool, England in 1995. There weren't many clubs around so attracting people who were 150 miles away was a feat. "There were people from Bristol, from London... That kind of situation has always created an atmosphere that's really electric, because everybody's there to have a fantastic time," DJ Nick recalls.

Fascinated

While he was here in Manila to promote his trance album, "Way Out West" and the Nokia Color Series Stage 1, he took an interest in our local clubs. He visited Hobbit House and was fascinated that "tiny" people served him beer.

"It's very difficult to see things when I travel. Normally, I'm just in one place for 12 hours. But I've been to small clubs around Malate. I found Hobbit House very interesting," he rubs his chin thoughtfully.

"I've been all over the world. England is the place where good clubs can be found; now I see that every place I visit is slowly catching up."

He shares that Argentina has the best clubs in the world. As a DJ he likes people to pulsate with his music.

"The club, 'Pacha' in Buenos Aires is an amazing club. The crowd is really into the music. I want to play pop, jazz and underground music. I like it when the crowd responds to good

funky records.

"In Argentina, I saw 3,000 people dancing on the tables until dawn. They would rather hear good music than popular hits. United Kingdom has a young crowd and they expect to hear hits."

DJ Nick admits that he's a perfectionist so he turns down some bookings because he doesn't want to spread himself too thin. He's happy having four or five DJ-ing gigs a month.

"I'm not one of those DJs who play three or four nights every week. I take at least one full weekend off a month, plus a Friday or Saturday night, too. I discovered that I perform much better by keeping my number of gigs low."

Fed up

"So many DJs I know are constantly DJ-ing and are fed up with the lifestyle and travelling. They're moaning, 'Not another gig,' and that's the worst way to be. If you're about to perform and you're looking forward to it, it's reflected in your set," DJ Nick clarifies.

He finds it challenging to play in clubs around Asia because it's unfamiliar territory. From Manila, he goes to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Australia and Hong Kong. He enjoys it when he sees Asians dancing and having fun.

"Asians are laid-back, it's a challenge to make them enjoy my music. In England, I'm not nervous at all when I play music in clubs because I already know what they want. It's an easy interaction."

"I don't have a planned list when I do my set. I know what's inside my boxes. I brought three boxes of music here in Manila for the Nokia Color Series rave party. I want to fill the massive dance floor of the Westin Philippine Plaza. No, you won't hear any Spice Girl tunes in my set tonight!"

The worst thing that could happen to a DJ is to have an empty dance floor. Does he have a favorite song he plays when he wants to attract a big crowd to the dance floor?

"No I don't have a fall-back song. I usually look for a good vibe when I want to attract a crowd. I try to lift their spirits. I just play good records."

"I don't do tricks because I'm not a good scratcher. It all depends on the vibe in the room. I feed on the energy of the people," he shares.

With his intense and straightforward approach to underground music, DJ Nick Warren just might do something rare in a club and make an unknown tune danceable!

Guy's house No. 32 is for sale

(Conclusion)

THIS may come as a surprise to some but Nora Aunor has impeccable taste and style in interior design. When it comes to decorating a house, there's "beautiful" because it has all the expensive things—but there's "beautiful" because the owner of the house has her distinct personality imprinted everywhere. Guy's houses had the latter.

Showrooms

I mean, I've been to some movie stars' homes that looked more like showrooms of high-end furniture stores but I easily detected that they had been designed by some pricey interior decorator who could put together luxury, opulence and extravagance but couldn't possibly recreate the homeowner's soul.

Guy always managed to stamp her homes with her personal signature. Whenever she had a new house, she became obsessed with the task of redesigning and decorating it. Take note that the job didn't only mean buying furniture and decorative pieces but also repapering or tearing down walls, enlarging or adding new rooms, deepening or elevating floors, changing tiles and bathroom/kitchen fixtures, etc.

Doing home design and décor must be therapy for Guy. While other people buy a house and decorate it, Guy buys a house so she can decorate it.

Someone once noted that whenever Guy closed a chapter in her checkered lovelife, she bought a new home. I suspect this was because Guy's immersing herself in the formidable task of decorating a new house enabled her to forget everything—including her problems.

Yes, Guy always had single-minded dedication when doing her house. First, she'd spend long, sleepless nights with her architect to finalize and refinalize her ideas. Then, she'd scour antique shops, art galleries, furniture stores, appli-

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ance centers and décor houses. You knew Guy had a new house because she frequented Viring de Asis' Jo-Liza.

Eclectic

Guy's style is basically eclectic. She loves creating dynamic tension by putting together certain seemingly contrasting pieces. And she put the same care in whipping up something for the nook under the stairs as she did in designing her living room.

Guy knows how to choose her pieces well. Her impressive painting collection boasts of such names as Zalameda, Sanso, Ang Kiukok, Lamasroza, Legazpi, Tam Austria and other contemporary masters. She also has a fine glass menagerie of Lalique crystals and other cut-glass pieces. And she adores antiques which are not limited to furniture but also include heirlooms, excavated jars and other diggings.

Guy liked big houses. Except when she lived in condos or townhomes, her smaller houses were in the neighborhood of 600-700 sq.m. Her La Vista mansion sat on a more than 3,500 sq.m. lot. The house on Baleta Drive that she's now selling for P35 M is one of her tiny ones.

One can just imagine the amount Guy needed just to maintain these homes. For domestic help alone, the sum should be staggering. There was one point when Guy had more than 30 personal staffers.

This included one chief housekeeper, security guards working on three round-the-clock shifts, five drivers and one chief mechanic, two

gardeners, two cooks, three house cleaners, three nannies for the kids and one for herself, two laundresses, one stay-in masseuse, two personal assistants, one executive secretary, one assistant secretary, and one messenger-errand boy.

Special needs

And she had people to take care of some special needs. And I don't mean her battery of lawyers and business advisers. Like, there was a time she had somebody just to help her take a bath, another just to help her take off her make-up and several others just to make her laugh!

There were certain things Guy couldn't live without. Like, she was practically addicted to white; sometimes, even all-white. Two of her most beautiful homes, in La Vista and P. Guevarra, were blinding visions in white. And the master's bedroom in most of her homes was white. The reason why she loved architect Waldo Bautista, who did most of the remodeling and reconstruction of her homes, was because they were both partial to white.

Also indispensable for Guy was her music room, which was actually a recording studio with all the latest, top-of-the-line equipment, where she spent most of her time whenever she was home. She liked experimenting with sounds and different musical styles and arrangements. There were times when Guy stayed in her music room for weeks, eating and napping only for sustenance.

Inner sanctum

She also always had huge comfort rooms. They were actually her inner sanctum, the place she retreated to either to communicate with herself, or to lick her wounds from the many battles she'd fought, or to just be alone. Sometimes, she spent long days there. There was one Christmas when she just holed herself in there—to personally write the dedications to her many, many gifts. Yes, Guy loved Christmas. She'd

What Nora needs to do is simple. Before she finds another home, she must first find herself

hire a professional interior designer to decorate her home which often set the standards or the trend for the year, not just for the residents of subdivision she lived in but for everybody else. And no matter how huge her house was in times of plenty, it still never had enough room for all the gifts she felt a deep need to give at Christmastime.

Guy also always had a gameroom. There was a chapter in her life when her major source of diversion was playing either baccarat or mahjong with friends. She'd generously provide the money to them just so they'd have something with which to play with her.

But it was difficult to win against Guy. One mahjong buddy explained, "Dadaanin niya sa patagalan. Hindi kayo puwedeng unuwi nang hindi siya panalo. Kung minsan, inaabot kami ng limang araw na walang tulagan. O kaya, dadaanin niya sa palakihan ng puhunan. Pataas ng pataas ang laro dahil tatapatan niya kung magkano ang panalo mo."

There were also things that Guy didn't want in her house. Like, live



AUNOR. Addicted to the color white.

plants and flowers—perhaps because they invited bugs and other insects. Or perhaps, her taste bordered on the masculine and plants and flowers were just too nice.

She also didn't like pets. I don't remember ever seeing a cat or a dog in any of her homes. Perhaps, she found pets hard to maintain. Or perhaps, she just didn't like their scent.

Gardening

She liked gardens but only because they were beautiful. She wasn't the green-thumb, talk-to-the-orchid, horticulturist type. She preferred to simply enjoy the garden and left the gardening to the gardeners.

Guy hardly used her kitchen. She cooked a little, but she'd rather have food delivered to her house or get a caterer to service her parties. Yes, Guy loved giving little parties. And she played games with her guests. When they arrived, she'd ask for the keys to their cars. Then, she'd lock all the doors of the house. No one could leave without her knowing.

One of her more vicious games was, she'd invite some friends to come over but when they did, they'd just be made to wait for hours on end but she wouldn't come out of her room.

During her heydays, Guy always surrounded herself with people—fans and friends alike. She needed them wherever she went. She even had then sleep on the carpeted floor around her bed. They were her security blanket. She fed on the sense of safety and reassurance they somehow gave her.

It's quite curious to know, however, that as a lot of these people who used to be at her beck and call have gone on to live prosperous, luxurious lives, her own fortunes have reversed and tumbled down.

It's because of this that I continue to feel a special kinship with Guy. I can identify with her pain right now. I've been there, I've cried there. It's a lonely place. But if I know Guy as I believe I do, she'll bounce back as she always has.

When that time comes, she'll buy a big, new house again. But, of course, she could slide back and fall again, too. And the cycle would continue to go on and on.

Perhaps, what Guy needs to do is quite simple: Before she finds another home, she must first find herself. She'll find that not out here in the world, but in her heart. There, she will stay forever.



BENOIT. Has performed with symphony orchestras in the US.

Benoit rekindles love affair with Filipinos

FROM the onset of his career, one may say that David Benoit has struck the right chord with Filipinos. From his first two albums "Heavier Than Yesterday" in 1977 and "Can You Imagine" in 1981, Benoit immediately became a hit in the Philippines.

Heavy airplay

Light on the heart and relaxing on the mind, his music has been given heavy airplay and has been enjoyed not just by jazz aficionados and music connoisseurs but also by ordinary music listeners. His music bridges generations of listeners. Benoit's third album, "Stages" (1983) that came out after his first major concert in Manila, was a major hit in the country.

Benoit's popularity in the Philippines at that time was unprecedented in the world. He first came to Manila in 1981 for three jam-packed performances with a 24-piece orchestra at the CCP.

Twenty years after he first kindled his love affair with Filipinos, David Benoit returns to Manila for "Jazz at the CCP" on Oct. 6, 2001. He will again perform at the CCP with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) with Maestro Ruggero Barbieri, PPO's music director and principal conductor. Presented by the CCP, 105.1 Crossover, Rado of Switzerland and Rustan's it will showcase Benoit's first full symphonic masterwork, "Kobe," and selected hits. Side A's Joey Generoso is guest performer.

Short story

"Kobe" is a short story set to music for traditional symphony orchestra and three Japanese instruments. It is Benoit's first complete symphony of strictly classical work. "Kobe" is a ballet about a young girl growing up in Japan and surviving many tragedies in her life.

While "Kobe" is Benoit's first full symphonic work, it is not his first foray into the classical realm. He has been a featured guest conductor and soloist of the San Francisco Symphony, the Atlanta Symphony, the San Antonio Symphony, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

Benoit has also been known for doing original motion picture and television scores like Charlie Brown (Peanuts) animation specials. An innovative composer and versatile music performer, Benoit has been known for his dynamic diverse approach to music.

Filipino audiences are in for a double treat with this concert. Aside from orchestral performance of "Kobe," they will be taken on a down nostalgic road with Benoit's hits like "Stages," "Can You Imagine," "Take A Look Inside My Heart," "American Landscape," "If I Can Believe" and many others.

For tickets, call the CCP Box Office and Ticketworld National Bookstore outlets at 832-3878; 832-3681; 551-7930; 832-1125 loc. 1800 to 1806; and 891-5743.

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Leah Navarro reconnects with her fans

BY VERON DIONISIO

IT USED to be that, when times were hard, people would turn to entertainment to escape. But the industry continues to experience its deepest slump so far, with few shows or films being produced.

But singer Leah Navarro has chosen to stay. "I can leave anytime, but I've decided to stick it out here. This is still my country. I might be considered stupid but I still believe that things will get better," she affirms. "Besides, if everybody goes, who's gonna take care of things here?"

Optimistic

Despite the economic recession and political uncertainties, Leah is optimistic that the future still holds promise because, she

claims, she has seen the worst. "I am a child of Martial Law," she reminds us. "Things may be bad now but there is hope because people can say they're feeling bad without fearing for their lives."

To prove to us how bad things are, she reveals that her recent gig at the newly constructed Fine Dine Hall of the Camp John Hay Clubhouse was her first in a year.

Consequences

Be that as it may, Leah is bent on facing the consequences of her choice. "I have resolved to stay, so I have to do everything within my power to meet my needs. If I need to do other jobs, I would. But definitely, singing and performing would always be something I'd love to do and would always bring me the deep-

est satisfaction. It's a part of me that I would always go back to, however long I'd be away some other time," she smiles.

When she came back to the country a few years ago, Leah just wanted to fit in. She knew that her peak had passed, but she just wanted to reconnect with those who have followed her career.

Her show, aptly titled "Getting Intimate," held at the Camp John Hay's Clubhouse, was characterized by simple elegance and the satisfaction felt by her audience while she sang her signature songs like "Kailangan Kita," "Ang Pag-ibig Kong Ito," "Boy," "Ligaw-Tingin," and "Isang Mundo, Isang Awit, Isang Sigaw." Touched by the audience's warm reception,

"I haven't felt this good in such a long time!"

Leah exclaimed, "I haven't felt this good in such a long time!"

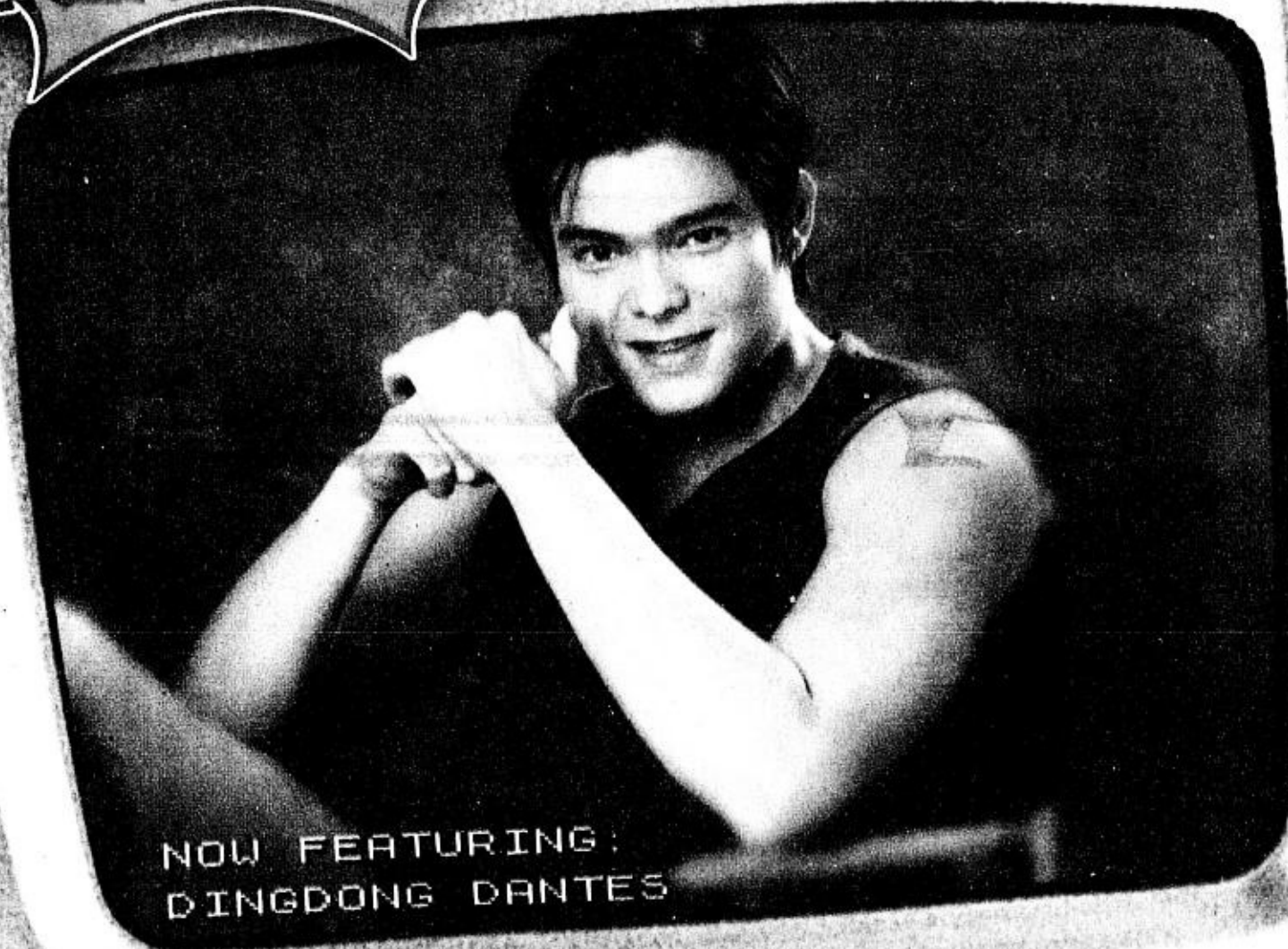
It appears that Leah has made the right decision. She's not about to give up, despite the difficulties that the industry is experiencing and the crises the country continually faces. "Why give up? I may be lazy, a procrastinator, but I'm not a quitter. If we give up, we have nothing!"



NAVARRO. Despite the slump being experienced in show biz, she's chosen to stay.

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BIGGS (left) and Eugene Levy star in "American Pie 2."

Jim and Jim's dad

IN the summer of 1999, they "took the pact"—and audiences fell in love as an unforgettable group of friends hilariously and all-too-humanly explored the undiscovered frontiers of love, sex and friendship.

Cult status

The hit comedy "American Pie" earned cult status with moviegoers who saw their own experiences mirrored in the wild, frequently embarrassing, yet always heartfelt adventures of its main characters. In "American Pie 2" the entire ensemble cast of the original comedy is reunited.

Of all the zany characters, none could compare to the hilarious relationship between Jim (Jason Biggs) and Jim's dad (Eugene Levy). Jim is the endearing but terminally embarrassment-prone guy whose humiliating attempts at sexual discovery lie at the comic core of "American Pie 2."

Having survived his freshman year at college, he finds that female friendship can be incredibly helpful. "Jim's greatest nightmare in the first movie was that he would die a virgin," said Biggs. "Now he's no longer a virgin, but he still doesn't have any sexual experience. Jim's life is one unbroken string of embarrassing moments. Mortification. Utter mortification. Somehow, against what would seem impossible odds, he manages to play out every sexually humiliating experience of his life in full view of an audience," Biggs acknowledged.

The most important parental figure in "American Pie" and its sequel is Jim's loyal dad, played by Eugene Levy. "I had originally envisioned him as a stereotypical gruff, 1950's dad," screenwriter Adam Herz said.

Oddball quality

"But Eugene came in and gave him this bewildered, oddball quality. And the first time you see him and Jason together as father and son, you think, 'That's the kind of father Jim would have to have to turn out the way he did.'" J.B. Rogers, the director, loved every minute of it. "You'd have

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to be crazy not to let Eugene play with his character," he said. "He's a genius of improvisation and brings something new and funny to every single take. Together, he and Jason were dynamic."

For Levy, the key to understanding Jim's dad is very simple. "The secret to this guy is that he loves his son, and will do right by him at any cost," said the actor. Whenever he sees his son do something shocking, he thinks, 'Well, this is my fault. I didn't explain the birds and the bees properly.' He's amazingly tolerant of his son's attempts to blossom. He just doesn't know how to help without making it worse."

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'Fast and the Furious' is so bad it's good

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE

NEW YORK—Shut off your brain and start your engine.

"The Fast and the Furious" is exactly what its title suggests—mindless schlock that's so bad it's good.

Drag racing

Based on a Vibe magazine article, this story of drag racing in Los Angeles has a retro '70s feel, even though it's set today and these muscle cars are not your father's Oldsmobile.

The men are tattooed and angry; the women scantily clad hood ornaments. The cars are flashy; the engines roar.

Paul Walker plays Brian, an undercover cop trying to break up a big-rig hijacking ring in which the suspects are major players in the city's street-racing subculture.

Brian pulls up to the starting line in a souped-up, fluorescent green monstrosity, but it's a wonder these guys fail to figure out he's a poser—even with greasy hair and scruffy face.

Somehow, he impresses Dominic (Vin Diesel), the intimidating racing king whose crew competes with an Asian gang in their cars and in crime.

Impression

He also makes an impression on Dom's sister, Mia (Jordana Brewster), who does little more than wear tight clothes and scream "Stop it!" when Dom and his friends get a little too revved up on Coronas and testosterone.

Dom is protective of Mia (there's some needless back story about how their dad died during a stock-car race).



THE MOVIE contains lines from three screenwriters that are so atrocious, they're almost endearing.

and warns Brian, "You break her heart, I'll break your face."

Other lines from a trio of screenwriters that are so atrocious, they're almost endearing:

"I've seen the way you drive—you got a heavy foot," an auto-parts store owner warns Brian. "You'll blow yourself to pieces."

"It don't matter whether you win by an inch or a mile—winning's winning," Dominic advises his disciples.

"I live my life a quarter-mile at a time," he says later during a particularly introspective moment.

Diesel is perfect for the role, with his shaved head and bulging biceps, and Rob Cohen, who directed Walker last year in "The Skulls," gives him plenty of room to swagger.

Walker gets tops billing, but this is really Diesel's movie.

The main draw, though, is the racing itself. The competitions are shot and edited seamlessly. They are, hence the title, fast and furious. And a botched hijacking on a desert highway involving three race cars and an 18-wheeler is especially exciting.

Less flashy but equally memorable are some of the supporting performances.

Neurotic

As one of Dom's crew members, Chad Lindberg seems to be channeling the neurotic, nasal qualities of Giovanni Ribisi, who did an equally cheesy car movie, "Gone in 60 Seconds," last summer.

Rick Yune is appropriately slick and menacing as Asian gang leader Johnny Tran—and he has an amazing ability to fire an automatic pistol behind his back as he's zooming through hilly, winding streets on a motorcycle. You've just gotta go with it.

And Ted Levine looks as if he was plucked straight from the '70s as a police sergeant who wears gold-tinted sunglasses and noshes on doughnuts while plotting the next move in the investigation.

If all this sounds ridiculous, it is.

"The Fast and the Furious," a Universal Pictures release, runs 107 minutes. AP

SWITCHING CHANNELS

'Imbestigador' leaves the late-evening slot

BY EDMUND L. SICAM

Mike Enriquez, like a former senator we know, eats death threats for breakfast, lunch and dinner. That's because the burly-looking TV host, who is known for his rat-a-tat style of delivery, has stepped on the toes of many crooked cops, corrupt government officials, lords of white slavery rings and other bad guys, through his program "Imbestigador."

Today at 5:30 p.m., Mike faces an even greater challenge when his expose-filled program (he doesn't want to use the word "show," a term better assigned to entertainment features) goes up against the acknowledged leader in late-afternoon programs, ABS-CBN's "Magandang Gabi Bayan," hosted by newly-elected senator Noli de Castro.

Mike claims the move to the new time slot was carefully studied by management and was not meant as a direct challenge to Noli's program. The 5:30 p.m. slot will mean a wider audience for "Imbestigador," certainly much bigger than its former 11 p.m. schedule.

We believe GMA could not come up with a suitable replacement for "Brigada Siete," which bowed out recently. GMA probably feels that Mike's show, er, program, will compete well with "MGB" because of its consistent format of helping people in need. "MGB" seems to focus on current events while "Imbestigador" deals with micro issues.

Mike is quick to point out that his program never undertakes any raids without the cooperation of the proper law enforcement agency. Media has no business doing a policeman's job, says Mike. He does admit that it is a sad commentary on our government when some aggrieved citizens would rather seek the help of "Imbestigador" rather than go to a proper government agency.

Many of the features on "Imbestigador" use the hidden camera to expose errant individuals. We ask what rules they follow in using this highly intrusive technique. Mike says there's always a long discussion whenever the use of the camera is brought up. There's the question of privacy and the element of unjustly convicting people before they are even brought to court. Without specifying the rules, Mike assures us that management is very careful in the use of hidden cameras.

GMA is also very particular when it comes to the integrity of the show. Mike feels that once their integrity is compromised, the credibility of "Imbestigador" will suffer. Thus, in the past, they have dismissed three employees on this is-



ENRIQUEZ says his program never acts without the cooperation of government agencies.

sue, one just on the mere suspicion that he or she was on the take.

Mike is known more as a radio man. In fact, he is vice president for GMA's radio operations. His moving into TV was an accident. It happened in the 1995 election coverage, when they couldn't find anyone to fill one of the anchor slots. So the network turned to Mike who accepted the new assignment with trepidation.

He remembers sitting with Karen Davila, his co-anchor, and Karen, sensing his anxiety, asked him to join her in prayer. The prayer calmed him down, and helped make his debut on TV a successful one. Since then, he has been a regular newscaster on "Saksi" and of course, "Imbestigador."

Creating a young image for Studio 23

Studio 23 celebrates its fifth anniversary with an anniversary bash at the



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To Managing Director Mekoy Quioque and Program Director Leo Katigbak, the past five years have been good years for the studio. Five years ago, ABS-CBN decided to target Channel 2 mostly at the CD market and moved most of its AB shows to the UHF channel. Studio 23 became known for its many canned shows from abroad and aired the MTV channel during the daytime hours.

The station's experience with MTV made Mekoy realize that there was an untapped market waiting to be served. He, therefore, redirected the station's programming to cater to the youth market. Much of the canned shows obtained by Katigbak, who handles acquisitions, were youth-oriented like, "Dawson's Creek," "Seventh Heaven" and "Charmed."

Mekoy looks at Studio 23's viewers as "free-spirited, vocal and independent." Today's young audience, according to Mekoy and Leo is not as rebellious as their counterparts in the seventies and is more influenced by their parents.

Mekoy's background is in advertising and marketing having been involved with such brands as Coca-Cola and Levi's and presiding over one of the biggest multinational ad agencies J Walter Thompson. He was therefore in touch with consumers. He used his marketing background to create a unique product identity for Studio 23—a niche, in the words of marketing professionals.

Mekoy was fortunate because the station had a powerful transmitter with quality signals in spite of the fact that it was located on the UHF channel. This meant more viewers could tune in to Studio 23 with its crispy-looking video.

When he was working with consumer products like Coke, it was important that his soft drink was visible in the marketplace. Thus, a strong TV signal was essential to the marketing of Studio 23.

To show advertisers that his channel was serious about its business, Mekoy made sure that his promotional materials were well-done and presentable to executives. He also organized happenings in malls and other locations to shout to the world that his station was around.

When MTV left Studio 23, Mekoy considered replacing it with another foreign music channel but he decided instead to create his own. Thus MYX was born to replace MTV. What makes MYX different is that it offers something more than the other channels, which many viewers find too pop and full of boy bands. MYX is able to put in alternative music that also appeals to other segments of the youth market.

Then he developed local programs targeted at young viewers like the environmental show "Explorer" featuring Ryan Agoncillo and "Points of View" which deals with controversial as well as timely issues. Using the concept of VJs in music channels, he got VJs like Bianca Araneta and "Rent" actor J.M. Rodriguez to do the station breaks, reminiscent of ABS-CBN's promo girls in the 1960s. This was something that young viewers exposed to VJs like Donita Rose and Belinda Panojo could relate to.

Very few UHF channels have succeeded in attracting a wide audience for their programs. Studio 23, with the marketing savvy of Mekoy Quioque and the creative mind of Leo Katigbak, now has a strong presence on the UHF band and even competes with the other channels on VHF.



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Richard Easton is Broadway's reluctant star

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA

NEW YORK—Richard Easton insists that he's not a Broadway star. But at age 68, and after more than 50 years in the theater, he knows how to command a stage.

Competition

Tony voters think so, too. Easton galvanizes Tom Stoppard's "The Invention of Love," winning a 2001 Tony Award for best actor against such formidable and better-known competition as Gary Sinise and Brian Stokes Mitchell.

In Stoppard's drama of unrequited love, Easton portrays English poet A.E. Housman at age 77, looking back at what he did—and did not—do with his life. A brilliant scholar, Housman confronts his younger self, played by Robert Sean Leonard, and his lifelong yearning for another student at Oxford.

For Easton, the role marks a return to Broadway after an absence of more than three decades. It was a homecoming that coincidentally occurred at the Lyceum Theatre, which is where the actor last played on Broadway in 1969.

At the time, Easton was a member of APA-Phoenix, a celebrated New York City repertory company that during its existence included such performers as Rosemary Harris, Helen Hayes, Uta Hagen, Brian Bedford, Frances Sternhagen and Donald Moffat.

Company person

"I have always been a company person," the Canadian-born Easton says. "I like companies. I like the work—and playing in rep is the dream of any actor."

"Some of the first directors I ever worked with were people like Tyrone Guthrie, Peter Brook, Alec Guinness, John Gielgud. I was spoiled immediately for the feeling of community that I like in the theater. The idea of making a career of my own is not interesting to me. I don't have the energy a star has."

Easton has the look, though. On a sweltering June afternoon, the actor, sporting John L. Lewis eyebrows and a bushy mustache, is nattily turned out. Checkered sports jacket. Crisply knotted blue paisley tie. Pressed tan slacks.

He sits in his tiny Lyceum dressing room where posters from old



EASTON. His career began on radio when he was 14.

APA-Phoenix productions, including "Exit the King" (his last appearance there), adorn the wall.

His is a career that began on the radio in Montreal when he was 14 years old.

"I fell into it by accident," he recalls. "A Montreal children's theater had a Saturday morning radio program for children by children and had a contest, awarding a scholarship to the child who wrote the best letter."

Easton won. At 17, he moved to Ottawa to become a professional actor and do weekly rep—33 plays in 35 weeks, the best stage education possible. "What you learn is a respect for the word," Easton says.

"You learn the lines. You never rehearse without knowing the lines."

Scholarship

In 1953, he was present at the founding by Tyrone Guthrie of the Stratford Festival in Canada. From

there, he went on to study acting in England on a scholarship, eventually joining the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Easton also worked in the United States at the Stratford Festival in Connecticut as well as at the Williamstown Festival Theatre in Massachusetts. At one point in his long career, he went to San Diego for a holiday and stayed—for 10 years, acting at the Old Globe and teaching at the University of San Diego.

"They invented this job for me—being a mentor in their MFA (master of fine arts) program connected with the Old Globe. I would do three or four plays a year at the theater and teach and just be around as a kind of warning, a lesson to the students," he says with a laugh.

He eventually grew tired of teaching and returned to New York. "The Invention of Love" finally lured him

back to Broadway. A London hit several seasons ago, it needed critically praised productions at regional theaters in San Francisco and Philadelphia before a nonprofit New York company, Lincoln Center Theater, decided to produce it here. The delay puzzled Easton.

Difficult play

"The Invention of Love" is not an accessible play," he says. "It's a difficult play, but all of Stoppard's plays are difficult because they are so packed. He shovels stuff into them. Too many things of interest—and they are glorious for that reason."

"This is a play about a man meeting himself at 18, a meeting filled with pride, amazement and horror."

Yet Easton manages to distill the essence of all that dense writing, adding a layer of humanity to the intellectual richness found in this cerebral work.

"The part is difficult (to learn) in the sense that there's an awful lot of it. And a lot of it is spoken alone on the stage. There's nobody to give you a cue. But on the other hand, Stoppard's writing is so exact that there is a line-through and you can find the cues within the speeches."

Despite glowing reviews, Tonys for Easton and Leonard and a best play award from the New York Drama Critics' Circle, "The Invention of Love" closed last June 30. With a large cast—20 actors on stage—and a small theater, economics made a long run unlikely.

Still, Easton is optimistic about the theater.

Celebrity

"All my life, people have always said about the theater, 'Oh, it's the worst year, the worst year. No work.' I've heard that since I was 14." What's new for Easton is the celebrity.

"Suddenly, I'm recognized on the street," he says with a chuckle. "It's very nice, but I've never envied it or wanted it."

"I've never done anything I didn't want to do. I've never had to endure the tedium of a long run. But as a result, of course, I have never become a star. But I've done an awful lot of interesting things and I've worked with some wonderful people."

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Saturday SPECIAL

Films are my life blood, says Scorsese

BY RAFFAELLA MALAGUTI

VENICE—Legendary film director Martin Scorsese used the recent Venice Film Festival as a showcase not for his own films but for those he has preserved for posterity.

Latest efforts

The American director took a break from his upcoming film "Gangs of New York" to present the latest efforts of his Film Foundation, an association that works to preserve the history of the motion picture industry.

"(Asking why I do this) is like asking me: Why are you passionate about living? Why are you interested in life and people? For me it's like life's blood," Scorsese told Reuters Television in an interview.



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Sexy Allona Amor stars in a Regal film

BY EDMUND L. SICAM

ALLONA Amor is one bold star who has no qualms about disrobing in front of the camera and performing in steamy scenes with her leading men. To Allona, baring skin is just part of the job, an attitude that has gained her a growing following among the mostly male viewers in the 18 films she's done so far in her four-year career.

First time

Next week, the sexy star is appearing for the first time in a movie produced by one of the majors—Regal Films. This is the outfit that made an overnight star of Assunta De Rossi in the controversial "Red Diaries." Allona is hoping her debut movie, "Huli Sa Akto" will do the same for her. Here she plays the wife of an abusive husband (Roy Alvarez) who falls for the charms of a stranger (Jestoni Alarcon).

It was director Francis "Jun" Posadas, known for his action flicks, who brought Allona to the attention of Mother Lily. The Regal matriarch must have seen something in her because pretty soon, she was tapped for the lead role in "Huli Sa Akto."

Of the movie, director Posadas says, "Passionate sex ang tema ng pelikula. Pinapakita namin kung papano ang isang simpleng panakaw na sulyap, magdi-develop sa isang pangahas na hakbang, hangang sa maging isang patagong relasyon. Dadaanang lahat ng stages ng isang bawal na pag-ibig na malaki ang kinalaman ng pagnanasa. Hanggang sa maging isang masarap ngunit marahas at mapanganib na mundo ang lahat para sa kanilang dalawa."

Director

Although Allona has starred in many pictures, she feels like she's starting all over again—maybe it's because she's never worked for a major studio before. She's especially happy about her director. "Maganda ang execution ni direktor, alaga niya ang mga anggulo ko. Ang gaganda lumabas ng mga eksena," she enthuses.

The actress finds the movie's theme relevant to her own life since she considers herself a feminist. She believes in empowering women who have suffered in their relationships with men. Allona herself has no boyfriend, at the moment, and is no hurry to get married until she's 30 years old.

Allona says she enjoyed her bedroom scenes with Jestoni Alarcon, who was a gentleman during the entire shoot. Jestoni himself says the sensitive shots were all faked and he would rather concentrate on the action sequences. As a councilor in Antipolo, he is very concerned about his image in the industry. Thus, he has never bared his butt in any of his movies and is very careful about his love scenes.

Walk-on parts

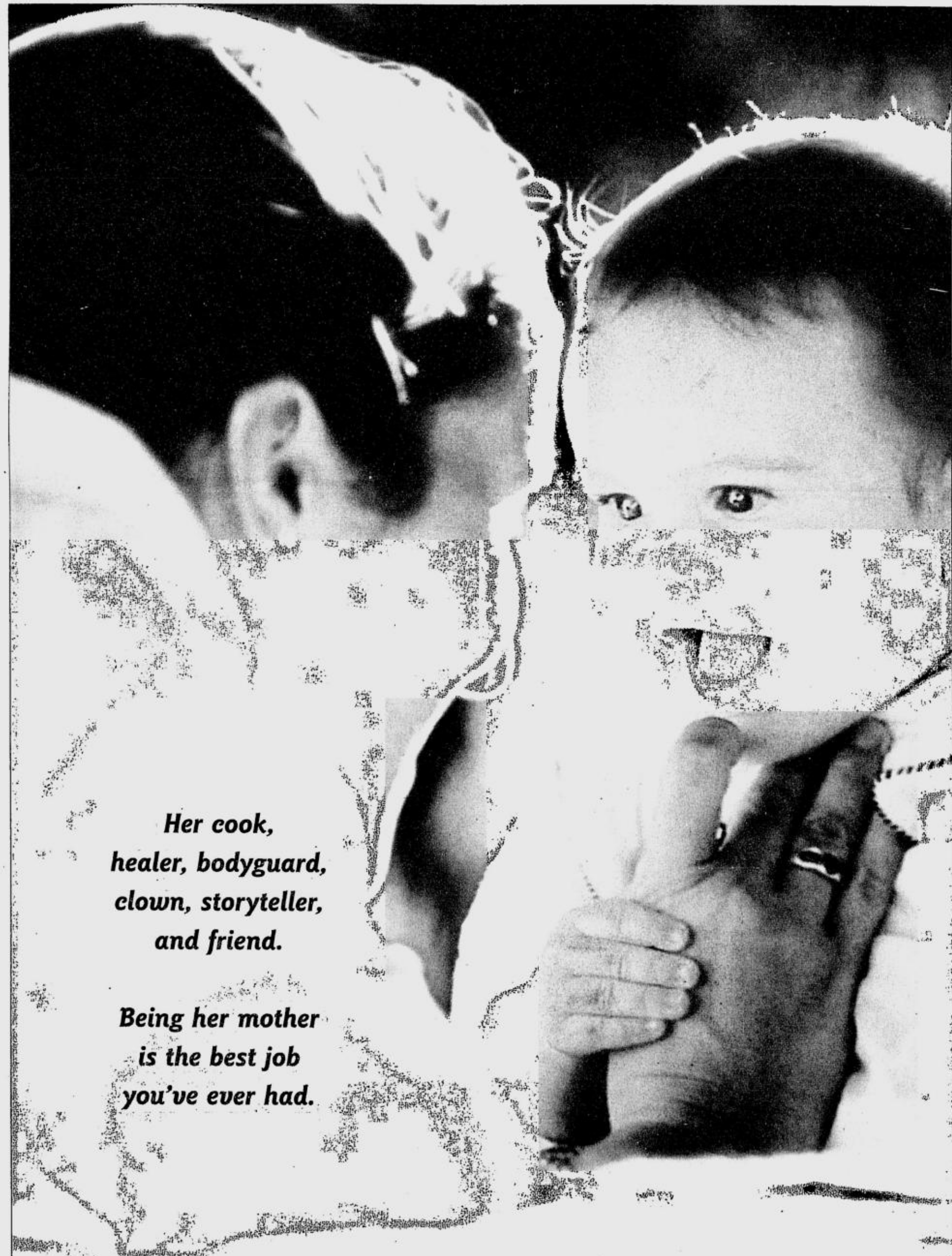
Allona started out in the movies when she was only 17 years, doing walk-on parts in several Viva films. She got her big break from Baby Alano, who introduced her in "Evangeline, Katorse." This led to other projects, most of them quickies that capitalized on her ample assets.

Allona's real name is Anna Liza Canson and her screen name is derived from the family name of her discoverer. She admits to being the product of a broken home. When she was only eight years, her parents split up. She stayed with her mom till she was 17, when she decided to strike out on her own.

Aside from her acting career, she is also involved with Archer Productions and Entertainment Network which produces live concerts.



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Films . . . (From page E1)

Not easy

The director brought to the lagoon city two restored 1930s Italian-American movies that he said were part of his own personal history as the descendant of Italians who emigrated to the United States.

The Foundation, created in 1990 together with fellow directors Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Stanley Kubrick and actors including Robert Redford, raises funds to restore old movies and encourages cooperation between studios and film archives.

The director admits the task is not easy, though he considers it a duty to pass on cinema's history to younger generations, who may draw inspiration from it.

"If you set out to try to save everything in America's film history, you would be probably able to save only about 10 or 20 percent, but in other countries it is probably not as difficult," he said.

"It is important to make sure young people are able to see old films and to be able to draw their attention to them."

He said that when he started his preservation works, studios were not aware of the importance of restoration. But now things have improved.

Scorsese's film-preservation commitment goes back long before the creation of the Foundation. Venice Festival director Alberto Barbera recalled going to see a Scorsese presentation of a restored film as a young festival-goer.

Twenty-five years later, Scorsese has brought along to Venice "Santa Lucia Luntana" and "The Movie Actor."

Vacuum

"Italian films I saw as young boy like 'Roma Citta Aperta' and 'Bicycle Thieves' marked me for life . . . For a filmmaker, working without history is like working in a vacuum," Scorsese told a news conference earlier on Saturday.

Scorsese said that "Santa Lucia Luntana," shot in 1931, is the only surviving experiment of Italian-American ethnic films.

"It is something very personal to me because it has to do with the history of my family," he said.

The language used, Neapolitan dialect interchanged with English in a playful mix, is unique.

The other film, also shot in New York, is a silent 1932 short depicting the struggles of Italian artists in the American entertainment industry.

The films' restoration were sponsored by Italian telecoms company Telecom Italia, which has started a three-year cooperation with the Film Foundation to preserve Italian films.

"We have to be able to begin further international cooperations with other countries . . . draw the attention of young people, show them old films," Scorsese said, calling on young film makers from all countries to fight to keep cinema's rich heritage alive.

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'Woman Talk's'

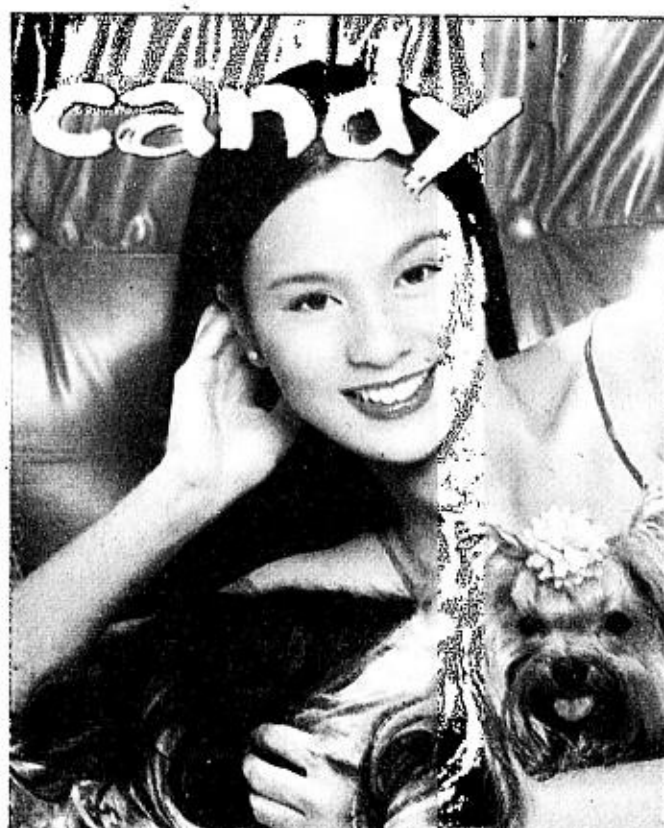
(From page E5)

Late strongman

Apparently, the superintendent wanted to commemorate the death anniversary of the late strongman in a series of contests—eloquence, storytelling, even a choral competition! Is she for real? No wonder our youth has a distorted sense of values! Then maybe, we should also commemorate Jose Velarde's alleged jueteng stash—if he existed at all!

The hosts explained, "Hindi kami naninira, but please be factual naman about it! Bakit, ano ba ang ginawa niya sa human rights issues at marami pang iba?" Very well said. What does this teach our children? And what does this level of tolerance say about us as a people?

Jumping from one issue to another, the amiable duo discussed them with ease and panache, without sounding high-handed and arrogant. They looked back at the days when pollution in Metro Manila wasn't bad enough to cause enough respiratory diseases, and when water was not sold in bottles. They said that maybe it was just a matter of time before clean air would be sold in gas tanks, and gas masks became indispensable.



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'The Maids' and other cross-dressing productions

BY BEHN CERVANTES
(Conclusion)

RHEARSALS were set. Peta and "Balintataw" director Joey Gosengfiao and theatre major Anton Juan, my student at UP then, were tickled pink playing those coy French maidens. Since my role was really a cameo, I sat around for hours being bitten by ravenous mosquitoes as the two petite actors made like French maids. Franklin Delano Osorio patiently (but, with great difficulty) tried to direct the two would-be damsels who obviously already had fixed characterizations in their minds. Interestingly, both actors from the North of Luzon—Joey from Tuguegarao and Anton from La Union—fashioned their French characters after Southern belles of the United States of America!

Loyal fan

Joey was and, I guess, still is a loyal fan of the great and enigmatic actress Geraldine Page. So, there were moments when I thought I was watching Ms. Page either in "Sweet Bird of Youth" or in "Summer and Smoke," two fine screen adaptations of Tennessee Williams' Broadway successes made

laudatory by Ms Page's poignant portrayals of Williams' confused Southern belles.

On the other hand, Anton must have fallen in love with Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind" because Vivien Leigh was certainly lurking somewhere in that dimly lit café in the person of Anton as the other maid. I waited in the wings while the two outdid each other in being piquant, saucy and/or pert. If Joey was breathy, Anton was vivacious. But I don't think either of them convinced the viewers that they were maids, French or otherwise!

By the time I went on to do my cameo, the audience including UP President Salvador Lopez, had stolen a number of lengthy zzzzz's. It is said I promptly woke up the audience when I made my grand entrance. I think so, too. I made sure I did by adlibbing lines before I came on stage.

Four-inch heels

That wasn't hard to do. This was, after all the first time a play was (openly) performed by cross-dressing actors in Manila. Joey and Anton are both short. I stood out because not only am I taller than the two belles from Cagayan Valley, but I was also wearing four-inch heels.

My hair-do, coiffed by Miloy, then the city's premier hairdresser, made me tower over the two even more.

My friend Loretta Lichauco lent me a floor-length black gown of silk. However, since I had a 38 1/2-inch chest, the top part could not go all the way to the top of my ample chest, cup A though it may have been. Ingenious Pando, a re-



IS that Nelda Lopez Navarro? No, it's the author all dolled up for his role in "The Maids."

nally young couturier then, quickly fashioned the gown into a halter, thus also giving me a décolletage. I was quite a sight. My heavy eye make-up was typical of the period. Pando enjoyed applying it on me, too.

We did the play for a lark. Why we thought it was so great to stage "The Maids" with cross-dressing actors escapes me now. I guess it was a 1970s thing. We were eager to be part of the process of (radical) change. We wanted to make a statement and flaunted that effort. It was easy to do it in that surrounding. After all, Indios Bravos' clientele was open to new ideas, radical diversions and the like. I guess, we succeeded in capturing the interest of the audience because soon after Anton re-staged the play with another set of cross-dressed actors. I swore I would never appear cross-dressed again. It took too much effort.

Colleague

Then, six years later Anton, now a colleague in the Speech and Drama Department of UP, convinced me to play the Madame in "Pagibig, Pagibig, Pagibig Pa Rin," the Pilipino translation of "Le Ronde." His come-on was that I was to play a fascistic general. However, under the heavy military coat was really a whore who sold body and soul for power. The character was going to be a Marlene Dietrich-like bitch, witch, whatever.

Since this was the height of military abuse during Martial Law, I was eager to get back at the military any way I

could. The play and Anton's suggestion provided me ammunition to take a few sniper shots. I took advantage of Anton's offer. It was not, as Gloria Diaz said after viewing a performance, "bigay-hilig."

In 1982, Anton again convinced me to appear in "Torch Song Trilogy." The play starts with a lengthy and challenging monologue while the character is in drag. Again, I had to be dolled up. This time I even wore a vintage Valera gown of red velvet borrowed by costume director Eric Pineda, now a well-known couturier, from his friend, a son of Linda Garcia Campos, daughter of President Carlos Garcia. I protested as usual but being an obedient actor I followed directions, as I expect my actors to follow mine.

Dramatic specialty

Cross-dressing Manila actors have got to be a dramatic specialty of *le* Anton. I have been his willing actor for reasons that appeared artistically lofty during the planning sessions. I consistently complain about the lengthy make-up hours and the general impression the public may have that I enjoy cross-dressing.

Hindsight, with the 20-20 vision that one inevitably possesses with time, makes me wonder if I should have done those roles. Or, now that I am far wiser and older, if I will ever do another one again. Not if I can help it! I charge those plays to experience. However, Anton has (novel, unique) ideas and I am still an obedient actor who gives in to the vision of the director. *Quien sabe?*

Seiko Films producer Robbie Tan is a movie addict

BY MARY ANN A. BAUTISTA

AS a movie producer, Robbie Tan has the knack for choosing the right material for an actor or actress. He launched Cesar Montano in "Machete," and he made Rossanna Roces a bankable sex goddess in "Patikim ng Pinya."

Latest movie

But he believes that his latest movie, "Sisid" has substance and an interesting story. His past movies aimed to titillate and entertain, but "Sisid" promises to do that while making the audience think.

For someone who's known for his sexy, daring and bold flicks, Robbie appears to be keen on making "serious" films. He claims that many producers are churning out bold and daring films these days, so he has decided to

shift gears. At the same time, he stresses that his past films were "wholesome" bold films because they passed the standards of the MTRCB.

"My films are for mature viewers. *Mas* may challenge *pag* For Adults. I cannot compete head-on with Star Cinema and Viva Films, so I'm targeting a different segment of the market.

"I've done films with serious themes, I've worked with the best directors in our country and I've learned a lot in the process. *Natuto ako sa kanila*.

Non-linear way

"With 'Sisid,' we wanted to tell a story in a non-linear way but, at the same time, we made sure that the audience would still understand it. I didn't want to be too radical, I just wanted to introduce a new way of telling a story and defin-

ing characters. I want the characters to have more texture," Robbie clarifies.

Director Lino Brocka did "Ama, Bakit Mo Ako Pinabayaan," "Natutulog Ba Ang Diyos?," and "Kung Tapos na ang Kailanman" for Seiko. Robbie appreciates the way that Lino motivated his actors and made them undergo different levels of emotions.

"Ina-acting ni Lino ang bawat linya. He specified when an actress should cry. He was so precise that he wanted a tear to fall when an actress said a particular word. He would keep on repeating a scene until he got the right nuance and emotion. He wanted every shot to be timed perfectly. Fear and anxiety should be seen in the eyes and hands of an actor. He was very meticulous," Robbie recalls.

He has worked with some of the country's best directors and has learned a lot in the process

Right narrative flow

Director Laurice Guillen showed Robbie the value of focus and the right narrative flow. During their pre-production meetings for "Beautiful Girl," "Magkano Ang Iyong Dangal," "Ang Bukas ay Akin," and "Sumayaw Ka, Salome," *Direk* Laurice summarized the story and discussed how she would attack crucial scenes.

Director Peque Gallaga always gave him a shot list a week before they started shooting. He was amazed at the director's creativity and practicality. Violent scenes escaped censorship because *direk* Peque presented them in a non-violent manner.

Robbie loves watching movies. He's a certified movie addict. He observes and picks up techniques from foreign and local movies. He's very particular about shots. When he travels, he goes straight to the video shop and splurges on the latest best-selling tapes and VCDs. That's one of the reasons why he's been a successful film producer for many years: His heart's in it.



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Jolina Magdangal learns three dialects

JOLINA Magdangal has just added another skill to her growing list of talents. It turns out that the 23-year-old star has a penchant for learning different languages.

Solo starrer

In her upcoming solo starrer, the multi-awarded singer and actress plays a young woman who sells meat products and handcrafted items to clients from various provinces in order to help her father make ends meet.

As such, Jolina had to learn to speak not one, but three Filipino dialects—*Bisaya, Ilocano* and *Kapampangan*!

"It was both fun and difficult at the same time," Jolina said of her role. The star also admitted that she was initially embarrassed about her inability to speak any of the dialects. "Most of the people on the set spoke at least one, and I didn't understand anything."

In order to master the three languages, Jolina took lessons on and off the set. "I put in a lot of extra time to make sure that I was convincing enough in my role. Besides, I didn't want to offend anyone by saying the wrong thing."

Jolina said she intends to continue studying the dialects, even after the release of her upcoming movie. She even plans to sing some songs in the dialects that she has learned. "Of course, that's only going to happen when I can finally speak them fluently. I still have a long way to go—but I'm working on it!"

Uniqueness

Jolina added that her role and her trips around the country have taught her a lot more besides new words and phrases, and she has learned to fully appreciate the uniqueness of each Filipino dialect, as well as the people who speak them.

"I was surprised to learn that more people in the country can actually speak *Bisaya* than Tagalog. And I think that Filipinos would get along a lot better if we learned to speak in each other's languages." Jolina is encouraging everyone to take the time to study another dialect.

Jolina noted that it is unfortunate that high schools and universities only offer foreign language classes. "Why can't we also have courses in dialects such as *Bisaya, Kapampangan* or *Ilocano*? I would have loved to take those in school, given the chance."



MAGDANGAL. Intends to continue studying dialects.

Mitch Valdes performs at Onstage Greenbelt starting Oct. 13

MITCH Valdes shares her glorious years as an artist, lover and woman in "Mitch Valdes—Golden Girl...Diva-h?" presented by Maximedia at Onstage Greenbelt on Oct. 13, 20 and 27. Mitch has made live audiences laugh with shows like "Rock Da Vote" which also featured Jon Santos, Fe de los Reyes and Nanette Inventor and "Tit for Tat" and "Tic Tac Two," also with partner, Nanette.

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Star Awards for TV

The Philippine Movie Press Club presents the 15th Star Awards for Television today at the UP Theater to be aired live on RPN-9 at 9 p.m.

Directed by Al Quinn and produced by Airtime marketing, Inc., the awards night will be hosted by Nanette Medved, Judy Ann Santos, Carmina Villaroel, Christopher de

Leon, Dingdong Dantes, and Boy Abunda. Trivia host is Ruffa Gutierrez with Jolina Magdangal as segment host.

The opening number features Ara Mina with RJ Rosales and the VIP Dancers. Another dance number features Antoinette Taus, Angelika de la Cruz, Mo Twister, Maxine, the Big Men and the VIP dancers.

Interview with an Afghan rebel

Join best-selling author and journalist Sebastian Junger and world renowned photographer Reza, on special assignment for National Geographic in Afghanistan, as they meet with Afghan rebel leader Ahmed Shah Massoud in "Frontline Diaries: Into the Forbidden Zone" on Oct. 7 at 9 p.m.

The one-hour documentary examines the rebels' fight to free Af-



VALDES. Golden Girl.

ghanistan from the control of the Taliban. Two days before the Sept. 11 attack on New York City and Washington D.C., the world learned of the assassination of Massoud, who was attacked by suicide bombers at his camp, and later pronounced dead on Sept. 15. His followers accuse Osama bin Laden of orchestrating the attack on Massoud.

Anniversary show

Kyla and Tootsie Guevarra are scheduled to perform at Jefz Cafe as part of the week-long celebration of the sing-along-bar's 9th year. Kyla, the country's representative to the 2001 MTV Music Video Awards, performs on Oct. 7 while Tootsie Guevarra goes onstage on Oct. 8. Both shows start at 9:30 p.m.

As part of the celebration, Jefz Cafe will hold the finals night of the "Are You Man Enough" male

modeling search on Oct. 9 at 10:30 p.m. Sixteen models compete in two categories—modeling and the question and answer portion.

Then on Oct. 10, the Cafe will stage a free show which will feature the best stand-up comedy and musical acts from the Jefz Cafe Sing Along Bar family. Call 524-8641.

Concert for the youth

Marylouise International joins Unicef in its first major concert "X-static" featuring Aiza Seguerra, Carol Banawa and Piolo Pascual to celebrate Unicef Youth Month. Special guests include Gary Valenciano, Lani Misalucha, Donita Rose, Karylle, The Manouvers and Whiplash.

The show is directed by Floy Quintos with Mon Faustino as musical director and Powerplay as the official band. Call 840-3745.

Afternoon of pampering for women

Female Network.com, the first Philippine website for women, together with Cosmopolitan Philippines, will hold an afternoon of pampering especially designed for the modern Filipina. Entitled "Body and Spirit Bliss," the event will take place today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Manila Galleria Suites at Ortigas Center.

There will be talks and/or demos on self-confidence, do-it-yourself facials, and looking good and living well. There will also be an exhibit of different pampering products, as well as free services that include beauty makeovers, facials, hair shine therapy, nail spa, foot massage, and fragrance layering.

For more details, check out the website at www.femalenetwork.com/bliss. (Compiled by Edmund L. Sicam)

AM/FM

'Woman Talk's' straight talk on soulmates and mass hysteria

BY RITO P. ASILO

WE chanced upon dwlZ's "Woman Talk" (882 kHz, 2 to 3 p.m. weekdays on AM) a couple of months ago and made a mental note to tune in more often. That particular episode had Jaime Lichauco as guest, discussing "soulmates"—what they are, and how to find them.

Romantic relationship

When you find your soulmate, are you destined to have a romantic relationship with that person? Not necessarily, we learned. Soulmates can be persons of the same sex, and that they don't have to be one's sexual partner—just someone who thinks or feels the same way you do. Like, you are both on the same plane of existence.

Mr. Lichauco cited five criteria with which to tell if a person you feel comfortable with is your true soulmate or not—and we were hooked till the show ended! Unfortunately, we have been so busy the past months that we eventually forgot about the program until we chanced on it early this week.

Hosted by Mel Estonilo and Marou Sarne, the show discussed issues that concerned not only women but things that mattered to them: health, family, music, peace and order, current events, even the morality of history.

Text rumors

Last Tuesday's show coincided with talk about mass hysteria brought about by malicious text messages that have spread like wildfire, warning about "biological and chemical warfare." Specifically, it was fueled by text rumors that exclusive schools in San Juan, Mandaluyong and Pasig were contaminated with viruses that caused illnesses of epidemic proportions, forcing schools to close shop and fumigate their premises for a day or two.

The two hosts readily denied the loose talk, and confirmed Health Secretary Dayrit's denial that there was a calamity of such alarming proportions.

Estonilo and Sarne ribbed texters spreading those rumors about the viral preference for "exclusive" and "private" schools. "I can't be infected by these viruses because I attended an Islamic school...the Taliban School," joked one of them. The other followed, "Ako naman, taga-Al Qaeda School!"

Clearly, this was in reference to the recent talks about possible biochemical warfare that could be brought about if a new war is waged by terrorist groups which masterminded the WTC bombings.

Then they warned the rumor-mongers, "Tumigil na kayo! Baka kayo pa ang unang tamaan niyan 'pag nagka-totoo! Akala ko nga, mga taga-media lang ang nagse-sensationalize ng mga issues, pati pala mga texters!"

Later, news advisories confirmed that while it was true that La Salle Greenhills had no classes, it was because they were cleaning and fumigating the school, not specifically because there was an outbreak of disease that needed to be addressed. They checked nearby Xavier School and found out that there were no students brought to the school clinic due to a serious viral infection.

No reason to panic

Secretary Dayrit said he inspected schools and hospitals in the area and found that there was really no reason to panic. While it was true that some students from St. Paul's College and La Salle were admitted to nearby Medical City, this was

not unusual. People get sick, you know.

This was confirmed later by a guest physician, who said that airborne diseases were not uncommon. "There are more than 200 viruses in our surroundings. If your immune system is compromised, then you'll get sick easily. The best way to combat these vi-

rus is to be healthy, and take multivitamins, not just Vitamin C," he explained.

He said that the "ber" months (September to December) usher in a variety of respiratory diseases because of the changes in weather, among other factors.

Estonilo and Sarne cautioned texters to

be more responsible with the messages they send (and, as those text messages urged, pass). Indeed, to topple an inefficient president is one thing, but to sow panic is another.

On the show, the hosts also discussed PCGG Commissioner Haydee Yorac's missive to Education Secretary Raul Roco

to investigate a report from the north that a school superintendent had issued a memorandum asking students to find old photographs of the late dictator, Ferdinand Marcos, and gather stories about his "greatness."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on partnerships and organizations. Communications with friends or in-laws will bring sudden changes. Don't be too quick to react. You can learn a great deal more if you listen and observe.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be high on life and on new philosophies. Join groups that will motivate you to make the changes conducive to a new professional direction and a better life.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend time with people you can learn from. This is a great day to meet new friends or lovers. Become involved in an organization that you believe in, where you can make a difference and gain respect.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be surprised how much you can accomplish by putting in extra hours at work. Don't be bullied into thinking that you owe someone your time and life. Put demanding people in their place.



CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make money if you adjust your portfolio or implement a money-making idea. Renovations or changes at home will lift your spirits. Rid yourself of people you find draining.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It may not be a workday, but focus on future goals anyway. Check out courses that promise to teach you the necessary skills to get ahead.



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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Examine investments. There is money to be made if you make the right moves. Travel will bring knowledge and greater self-awareness. Much around you has changed and so have you.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will meet some extraordinary people in community groups. Interacting with others brings useful knowledge. It is a "make it or break it" time for some of your partnerships.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time with a loved one today. If you are single, stay active and you will meet someone who could become important to you. Work-related events could link you to some interesting individuals.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make plans for unusual and enjoyable activities. You need a change of scene and a fresh outlook. Expand your circle of friends by mingling and learn from those with experience.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Residential moves look hectic. Problems with older relatives may be upsetting. Do the best you can and don't feel guilty if you need some time on your own.

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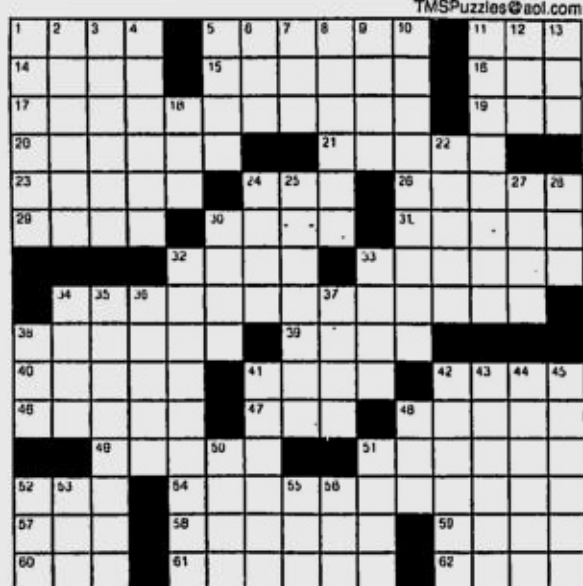
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- 15 Breakfast food
- 16 "Just the Way You"
- 17 '70s fashion fad
- 19 Fire
- 20 Magnate's purview
- 21 Get in the way of
- 23 Mature
- 24 Poetic piece
- 26 Ancient kingdom on the Nile
- 29 Simon
- 30 Laptop image
- 31 Floorboard support
- 32 "Do" — others as...
- 33 Small bird
- 34 '70s fashion fad
- 38 Simple shed
- 39 Disengage from a habit
- 40 Open laces
- 41 1965 PGA champion Dave
- 42 Squabble
- 46 Florida griddle
- 47 Popeye's Olive
- 48 Hit hard
- 49 Unsullied
- 51 Geronimo's tribe
- 52 Fond du _
- 54 '70s fashion fad
- 57 Fruit cooler
- 58 Ring around the sun
- 59 Welles role
- 60 Existed
- 61 Make beloved
- 62 Bill topper



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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YEAS	HUNG	
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ETAL	URIEL	AIDE
NOSE	NOISE	TRES

DOWN

- 1 Czech currency
- 2 Lack of vigor
- 3 Sharp-tongued
- 4 Nosegays
- 5 Farm parcel
- 6 Two-finger sign
- 7 Pause fillers
- 8 Hot sandwich on rye
- 9 Jib or spinnaker
- 10 "Your Song" singer
- 11 Speak with spite
- 12 Time period
- 13 Bo Derek movie
- 18 Coffee container
- 22 Former governor of New York
- 24 Eight: pref.
- 25 Threshold
- 27 Mother of Horus
- 28 Crowd fig.
- 30 Scuttlebutt
- 32 Vocal expression
- 33 Russian emperor
- 34 Clinton cabinet member
- 35 Open frameworks
- 36 Charged particle
- 37 Blackbird
- 38 Blockhead
- 41 Movie monster
- 42 Loud kisses
- 43 Pluck
- 44 Parthenon honoree
- 45 Balance on the brink
- 48 Health resort
- 50 Mental laborer
- 51 Not quite shut
- 52 Jurisprudence
- 53 Nabokov novel
- 55 CD add-on?
- 56 Numero

A diabetic's life can still be sweet

If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, the most radical change in your lifestyle will be the drastic reduction of sugar in your diet. What, when, and even where you will eat will be greatly affected by your doctor's recommendations and by the availability of diabetic-friendly dishes in restaurants around the city.

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partame, and it has been reviewed by regulatory agencies around the world. Prior to its approval in the United States for use in food and beverage products in 1981, Equal was subjected to one of the most comprehensive testing programs ever undertaken for a food ingredient. All studies concluded that consuming aspartame is no different from consuming other foods.

What other regulatory bodies have approved the use of Equal?

- US Food and Drug Administration (US FDA)
- American Diabetic Association
- American Diabetes Association
- Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Medical Association
- World Health Organization
- Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD)
- European Communities and the Health Protection Branch in Canada

What forms is Equal available in?

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Where can I purchase Equal?

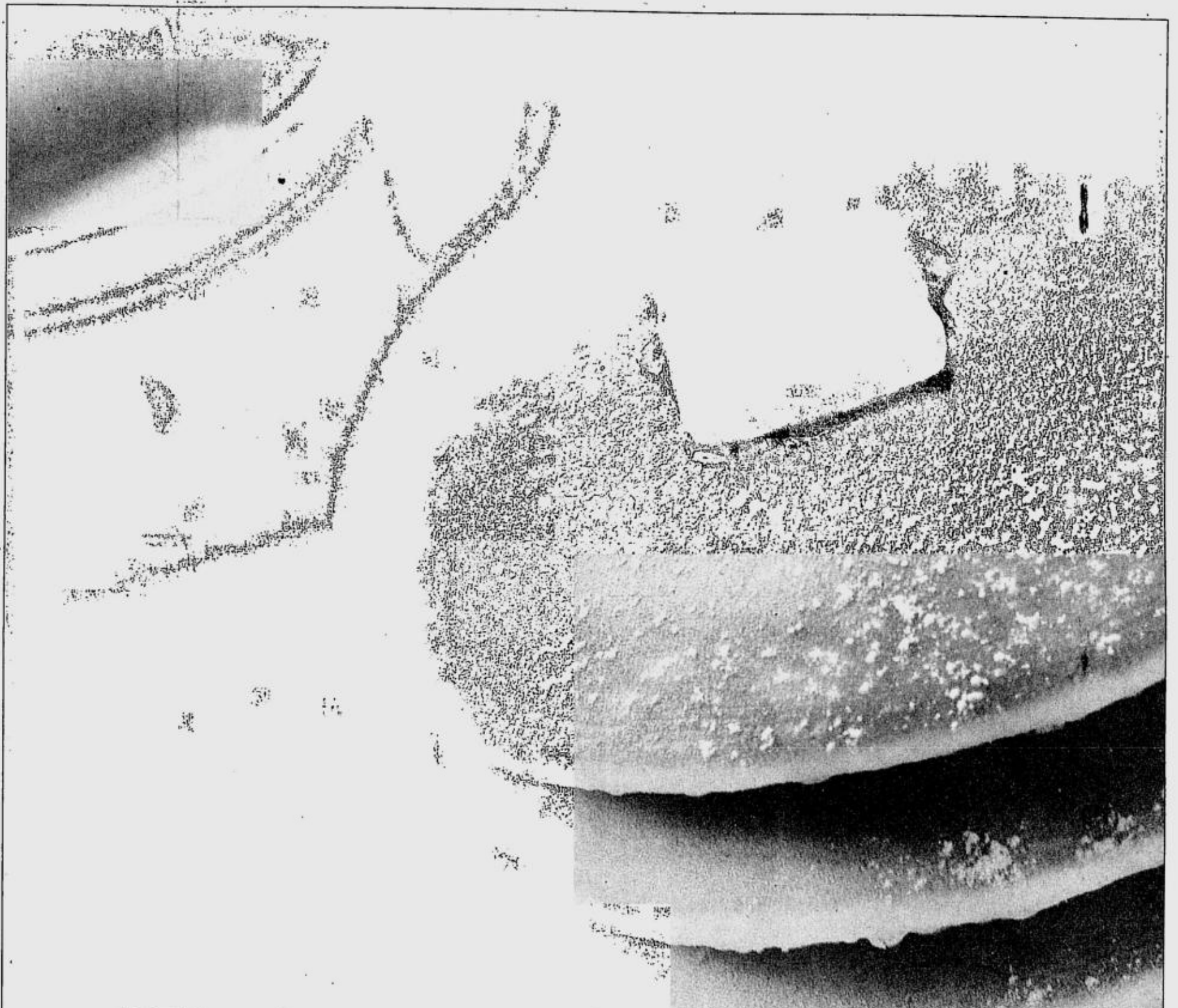
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The 7 habits of Equally healthy people

Want to wake up feeling refreshed and revitalized? Want to be energized the whole day through? You can have "the perfect day" every day by developing the seven habits of "Equally Healthy People."

1. Begin each day with a good breakfast. A lot of people feel fatigued because they are not eating early enough. Breakfast restores blood sugars lost during sleep and helps speed your metabolism until lunch. Start the day with energizing oatmeal sprinkled with Equal sweetener.
2. Variety is the key. A good diet is the cornerstone of a vibrant lifestyle. For maximum health, eat plenty of breads, cereals and pastas in addition to a variety of fruits and vegetables. And, of course, limit consumption of fats and sugars.
3. Eat frequent, lighter meals. A number of health benefits, including weight control, have been established for this eating style. Keep in mind variety, balance and moderation.
4. Exercise three to four times a week. Start with 10 minutes each day and build to 20 minutes. And you don't just have to bike, walk, swim or jog to improve your health. Daily household chores and other activities count, too. Always be sure to consult with your health care professional before you start any exercise program.
5. Establish a support network. We all need someone we can lean on. Whether it's talking to a friend when you have a problem or getting a ride when your car won't start, having a list of friends you can count on helps you feel happier and healthier.
6. Reward yourself daily. Make a personal "refresher list" of your favorite activities, such as indulging in a bubble bath or sipping a hot cup of tea with Equal. Then do them! Recharging your batteries on a daily basis can give you greater mental clarity and make you more productive as well!
7. End the day with a good night's sleep. Sleep is the fountain of youth. Most of us need at least eight hours every night to feel alert and energized the next day.

What habits not listed here have worked well for you? Add them on to the list above and share it with everyone you know. That way you can all stay healthy good friends for years to come!



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A few hot pancakes once in a while couldn't hurt, especially if served with a generous sprinkling of Equal. Equal gives you all the sweetness of sugar but none of the calories. No wonder so many doctors recommend it to diabetics. Now isn't that sweet?



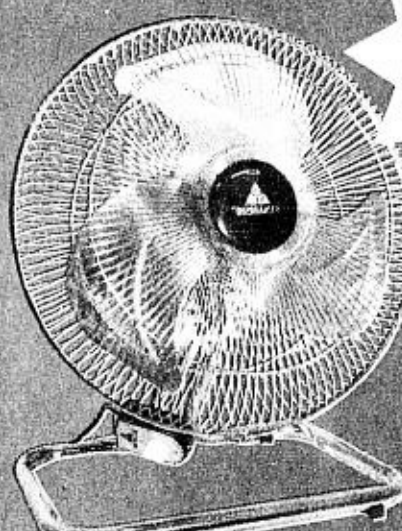
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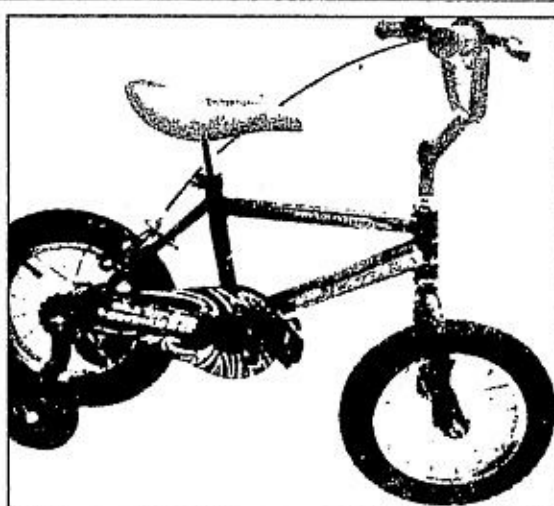
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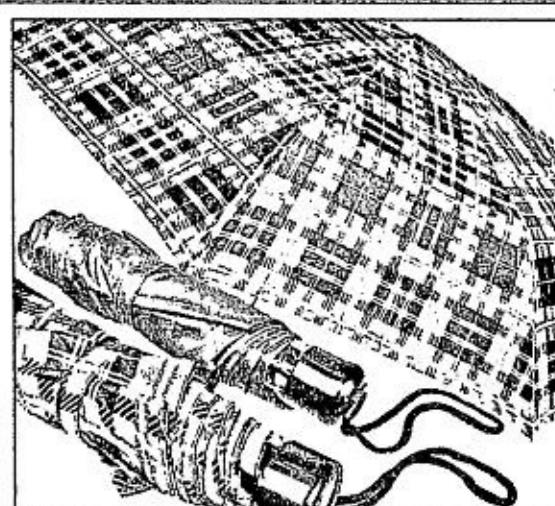
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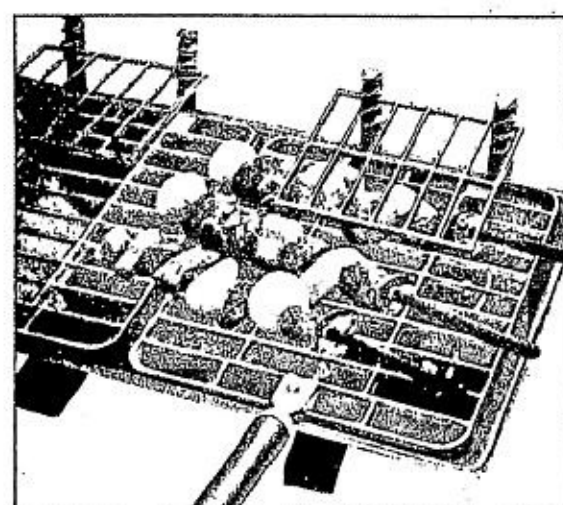
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Saturday SPECIAL

The Corrs take their audience on emotional roller-coaster ride

BY MARY ANN A. BAUTISTA

LET'S face it: The pop-rock scene hasn't been exciting. Sometimes a local band scores a "good" song that is both meaningful and sing-able. Other bands manage to make sense on top of their good looks. Sometimes, though, after recording and releasing a good debut album, bands lose steam and fade into oblivion.

Self-awareness

Thank goodness, the Corrs (Andrea, Sharon, Caroline and Jim) proved that they haven't lost their steam when they performed recently at Araneta Coliseum. As usual, the crowd exploded in excitement and anticipation when the Corrs filled the venue with their energy, sensitivity and emotional self-awareness.

They had the ability to combine emotions in their songs. Awe, resignation and acceptance were in "Only When I Sleep," "I Never Loved You Anyway," and "Forgiven, Not Forgotten;" sadness, self-doubt and confusion in "Don't Say You Love Me;" confidence, hope and fear in "Runaway." Pinoy pop-rock fans (teenagers, middle-aged employees, yuppies, and the *masa*) easily identified with the songs.

Pinoy is generally peace-loving, gentle and sentimental folks, but last Sunday night, they clapped, cheered, danced and sang with complete abandon and feeling. The Corrs' upbeat ditties, "Radio," "Breathless," and "Irresistible," lifted everyone's spirits but their slow, melancholic "Somebody for Someone" made everyone pensive and quiet (even if it wasn't such a popular tune).

Relationships

Then the crowd relaxed as they sang about relationships. With "All the Love in the World," Andrea's lyrics ("I've got more than a girl could wish for. I live my dreams but it's not all they say. Still I believe I'm missing something real. I need someone who really sees me. Don't wanna wake up alone anymore. Still believing you'll walk through my door") hit a sentimental nerve. Everyone desires to be accepted and loved as he is. It struck a familiar chord with women, what with our endless self-doubt and insecurity! "Give Me A Reason" echoed the heartbreak, bitterness and questions after a relationship ends. "What Can I Do" spoke of hope and letting go of a "clueless crush."

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upbeat ditties lifted
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The crowd grumbled that the show was "bitin." It was an hour and a half long but they expected more songs from Andrea. Hearing "Would You Be Happier" and "So Young" as encore numbers, only made them clamor for more! But they weren't short-changed! The show was an emotional roller-coaster ride. It was happy and sad, carefree and serious, hopeful and resigned, witty and lame.

Here's a brief interview with each of the Corrs:

What's your worst habit?

Andrea: Being self-critical and sucking my thumb. I also have a bad habit of losing things.

Jim: I love the camera. I always have a wide broad grin when I see it coming.

Coffee

Sharon: Smoking. Drinking coffee, lots of it. Coffee is something that I can't do without.

Caroline: Using my mobile phone excessively. I run up very high mobile phone bills!

What's your taste in music?

Caroline: Garbage, Radiohead, Oasis.

Sharon: I listen to everything, from classical to heavy rock.

What's your most incredible musical experience?

Andrea: Having our song "All the Love in the World" in Julia Roberts' movie, "American Sweethearts." Julia is a great actress.

Caroline: Standing alongside Luciano Pavarotti and hearing him sing live.

Jim: Performing onstage. Having unplugged sessions where I can just play with the music.

Single most important thing you've learned?

Andrea: To stay with it. To be free to explore all musical possibilities. To just be open. Our parents often told us that life is beautiful, so we grew up believing that. We don't really think of problems, we try to cultivate and nurture love. We trust our instincts. Life is for the living!

What's the most rewarding aspect of your career?

Andrea: To be able to reach people from different cultures through our music is very rewarding. If I write something and it's very honest to me, and then somebody writes to me and tells me that my song has helped him in some way, it makes me feel good. To hear people say that somehow they don't feel so alone anymore and that they were moved by our music is enough of a reward.

Jim: Bonding and working well together!

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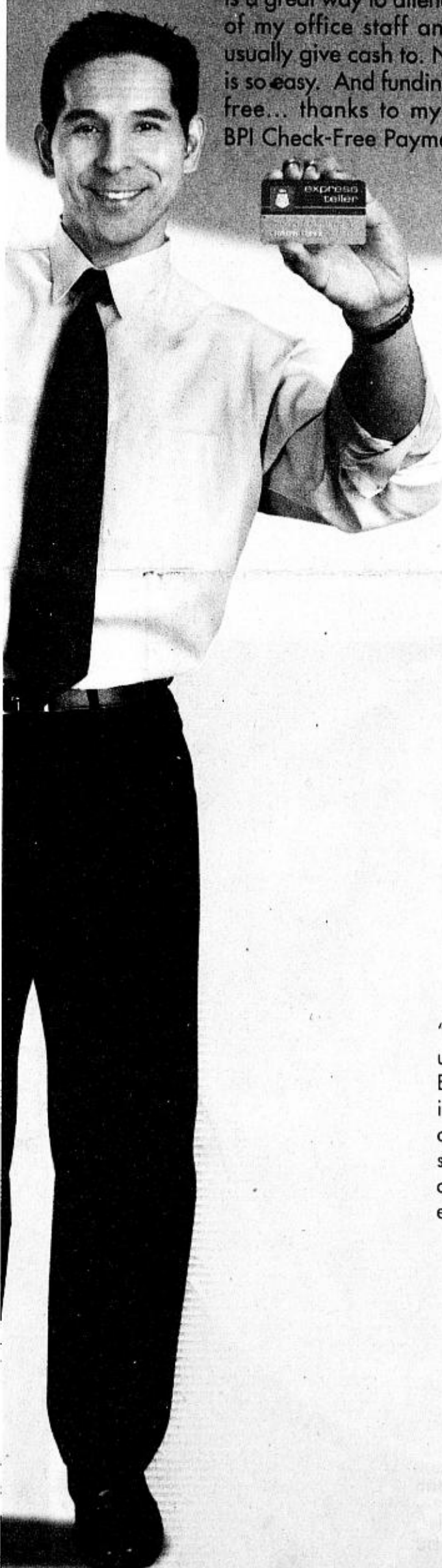
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FDFPI screenwriting workshop starts on Oct. 26

BY NESTOR U. TORRE

MANY people want to break into the movies as scriptwriters. They are driven by various motivations: Some want to write for a mass medium like the movies in order to reach and touch the greatest number of people. Others want to use writing as a springboard for directing. Still others are attracted by the hefty paychecks that name screenwriters get.

Playwrights

Trouble is, writing for film (and TV) isn't learned overnight, because it has another, more visual way of expressing and communicating thoughts and feelings. So, even experienced playwrights, novelists or short story writers feel the need to enroll in a screenwriting workshop, to write TV-film scripts the right way.

One of the more successful courses in this regard is the Film Development Foundation of the Philippines' annual screenwriting workshop, which will be held again this year for six weekends (Fri-Sat-Sun) starting on Oct. 26.

It is a rigorous workshop that aims to turn out serious-minded and hardworking scriptwriters, so the requirement to graduate is nothing less than a full-length film script of



YAMAMOTO, DE GUZMAN AND ALIX. Only three of the workshop graduates who are now active in TV-film scripting.

some 80 to 120 pages.

This is the workshop's way of "separating the men from the boys (and the women from the girls)," because working in the TV-movie industry is difficult, so only the best-trained and hardest-working writing talents can survive.

Talent and determination

Ever since it was started in 1996, the FDFPI's annual screenwriting workshop has produced more than its share of gifted writers who, through sheer dint of talent and determination, are now writing for TV and the movies. They include:

Jerry Gracio, in-house writer of



Seiko Films (he wrote "Sisid") and author of "Santa, Santita," which won first prize in the FDFPI's national screenwriting contest, and has been optioned for production by ace director Laurice Guillen. Gracio has written another script, "Bigyan Natin ng Pangalan ang Pag-Ibig," that won third prize in the FDFPI's annual writing tilt.

Agnes De Guzman, in-house writer of Viva Films (she has written the scripts of the films "Ika-13 Kapitolo," "Man-mana, Tiba-tiba" and "Baligtaran"). She is also the head writer of the TV series "Maynila," and writes for "Pira-



pirasong Pangarap."

First prize

Adolf Alix, Jr. also writes for "Pira-pirasong Pangarap" and "Maynila," and his script, "Ada," won first prize in the FDFPI's screenwriting contest. It was bought by Reyna Films and turned into the film, "Kahapon, May Dalawang Bata."

Mary Ann Bautista, has won the second prize for "Kasal, Kasali, Kasalo," which was bought for production by Star Cinema. She is a member of the ABS-CBN Synergy Group and co-writer of "Nagmamahal Pa Rin Sa Iyo," starring Pops Fernandez, and was an

episode writer on "Code Name Verano."

Edgar Iao is an in-house writer of Viva Films, for which studio he has written "Alas Dose" and "Ika-13 Kapitolo." His script, "Pulitiko," won third prize in an FDFPI screenwriting tilt.

Short film

Rica Arevalo is an episode writer of "Maynila" and has received grants to produce short films. Her film scripts have won first and third prizes in the FDFPI screenwriting contests.

Mitchiko Yamamoto's film script won the top prize in last year's "Pelikulang Pambata" writing tilt, and she's now a member of Star Cinema's Creative Group.

Also a member of Star Cinema's Creative group is Marissa Uyco, who has won honorable mention in the FDFPI's screenwriting contest.

Pat Perez has worked as assistant director in films directed by Joey Reyes and Don Escudero. She also directs the weekly TV program, "LG Digital Quiz Show."

Paul Arboleda is a contributing writer of "Maala-Ala Mo Kaya" and has written for "Code Name Verano," "Puwedeng-Puwede" and "Pira-pirasong Pangarap."

Ramon Rey Bayron has also written for "Maala-Ala Mo Kaya"

and other shows; and one of the dramas he wrote was cited for particular distinction in the Asian TV Awards.

Field reporter

Ma-an Macapagal is a field reporter and writer of ABS-CBN News and Public Affairs. Two of her film scripts have won honorable mention awards in the FDFPI's screenwriting contests.

Clarissa Estuar is also an honorable mention winner and has written scripts for "Click" and "Maynila."

Other FDFPI workshop graduates who are now working in TV or in the movies include Bernie Siapco, Ida Fabular, Nimia Yumul, Cesar Dionido, Jon Enriquez, Luz Santiago, Vangie Limpoco, Ray Manalo, Carolina Lee, Royce Ambrosio, Arnold Martinez, Jeanne Lim, Jovenir Bataican, Joey Serrato and Geonard Yleana.

Registration for the FDFPI's 2001 Screenwriting Workshop starts on Monday, Oct. 8. For inquiries, call Linda, Lilet, Maxie or Fely at 551-4677 or 832-1125 locals 2113, 2114, 2115 or 2116. Or visit the FDFPI offices at 3/F, Production Design Center bldg., CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City, Metro Manila. E-mail address is fdf@frib.com.ph.

Nanette Inventor refuses to 'go green'

BY EDMUND L. SICAM

WHEN it comes to comic characters identified with comedians, Tessie Tomas' Meldita, Willie Nepomuceno's Ferdinand Marcos and Jon Santos' Armida Siguion-Reyna rank high in audience recall. Another personality very familiar with TV and live show audiences is Nanette Inventor's Doña Buding.

What makes Nanette's Doña Buding different from the rest is that she is not based on a real personality but is an original character created by writer-director Joey Reyes in the mid '80s.

Accident

Nanette first appeared as Doña Buding in GMA's "Penthouse Live" hosted by Martin Nievera and Pops Fernandez. She got the part literally by accident. The role was meant for another comedian, Cynthia Patag, who unfortunately met a vehicular accident before she could step into Buding's shoes.

It was Tessie Tomas, then an advertising executive who often worked with Nanette on commercial jingles, who brought up Nanette's name. The rest, as they say, is history. Doña Buding became an overnight success and Nanette went from an unknown singer of jingles to popular comedienne.

Yesterday, Doña Buding took a well-deserved rest when Nanette launched her series of live shows, "Menu" presented by Manila Genesis Entertainment at the Republic of Malate. Other show dates are Oct. 12, 19 and 26.

"Menu" plays up Nanette's musical talent, interspersed with comic sketches on everyday events that we sometimes overlook.

UP Concert Chorus

Nanette started out as a member of the UP Concert Chorus. Her father, a judge in Caloocan City, discouraged her from pursuing a musical career since it was not a lucrative field. Nanette proved him wrong when she started doing jingles, which enabled her to put herself through college without getting financial help from her dad. She even went around the world three times as a Concert Chorus member.

She was taking a course in foreign service then and wanted to go on to law. Ironically, her father was against it since, he said, there were already too many lawyers in the country.

So instead of being addressed as Atty. Inventor, Nanette is permanently stuck to her alter ego, Doña Buding. Nanette's corpulent figure enriched her characterization of the social climber so much so that her 225-lb. frame became an asset to her career as a comedian. Today, however, she has lost weight due to her diabetic condition, which she discovered only in February this year. That has not stopped her audiences from laughing at her antics on TV as well as live performances; however.

No raunchy jokes

Unlike other comedians, Nanette

says she stays away from raunchy jokes. Her sexy jokes are mild and her so-called toilet humor is watered down. Even as a last resort, when her jokes are falling flat, she will not "go green." She prefers to get laughs the old-fashioned way, commenting on the silliness of fellow human beings interacting with each other.

Humor was part of Nanette's growing-up years. Family activities were enlivened by wisecracks and funny anecdotes from her parents and siblings. One talent that her mom passed on to her was her musical ability. There are also many relatives on her mother's side who love to sing. That's how Nanette got interested in music.

Another interest of Nanette is teaching and this she's doing at the

Wesleyan University and the Philippine Christian College, where she teaches courses in communication, something she's very competent at. She says she's never failed any of her students and she's very generous with grades. One of her students even got a perfect 1.0 for doing very well in her class.

Sketches

For her shows at Republic of Malate, Nanette has lined up several sketches to go with her musical numbers. After her series, will she concentrate on her singing again as she did in the 1980s and say goodbye to Doña Buding? Audiences who have laughed with her for quite a while will probably tell her not to forget her comic roots.

For inquiries about her show, call 303-3529.

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Conversations with Eve Ensler

BY MONIQUE WILSON

EVERYTIME Eve Ensler talks about me, she jokes that for six months before we met at the V-Day "Vagina Monologues" benefit concert at Madison Square Garden in New York last February, I was someone "virtual." Someone she knew only through long e-mails where we would discuss our "Vagina Monologues" productions in Asia.

When we finally met, she threw her arms around me, said I was a "ball of fire," moved me to tears when she said we at NVC were her "heroes" and asked me—"How old are you? Twelve?"

Successful run

Since then, she has finished a successful run of the play in London, where I am currently based, finishing my MA in Drama, Education and Directing at Central School of Speech and Drama. The following are intimate conversations with "Vagina Monologues" playwright Eve Ensler while she was in London:

MW: How was V-Day born?

Eve: After each show of "The Vagina Monologues" in every city and country I had toured it in, women would queue up after the show and tell me how they had been beaten, raped, genitally mutilated.

I went insane. I decided that I would either stop doing the show, or do something about it. That's when some female activist friends and I thought of putting up V-Day—an international movement to end violence against women.

How did you launch V-Day?

It was outrageous! We had all these stars and two weeks into the event, no tickets were sold yet. So with only \$5,000 in my account and my credit card, I took out a \$40,000 full-page in the New York Times. The show sold out in two days.

Even then, we didn't know how it would turn out. We had these stars in it, and believe me—we had never done anything as big as that. But it turned out to be so successful. That was in 1998. We've celebrated V-Day every year since. That first event was a V-Day miracle!

What inspired or propelled you to take action to create awareness



ESNER (center) with Rossana Abueva (left) and the author.

about violence against women?

I am a survivor of rape and abuse myself. But more than that, I truly believe that women and girls should live life creating and thriving rather than surviving or recovering from terrible atrocities.

Heinous crimes

Violence—genital mutilation, rape, battery, sexual slavery, incest—that kills something inside a woman or a child. These are heinous crimes, not just crimes against gender but crimes against humanity.

How do you think V-Day can help?

V-Day is a global movement where annual artistic and theatrical events are produced in local, national and international venues to raise money for women's grassroots organizations and to transform consciousness. To date, through "The Vagina Monologues" performances and V-Day events, we have raised over \$3 million for organizations around the world helping women.

Catalyst

V-Day provides the catalyst for awareness and consciousness, and invigorates efforts already in place to commence new initiatives in publicity, education and law. The United Nations says that one in every three women will be raped or beaten in her lifetime. Why do we expect it, build homes for it, have a "worldwide acceptance" regarding it?

I saw the V-Day concert at Madison Square Garden in New York, where we first met, it was such an

empowering event!

Yes! I remember when I first met you. I had this image of you as a much older woman—then I saw you and you looked like a baby! Ha Ha! Do you remember the press conference we had in Singapore? You really handled the press well there.

Next question

When you sensed they were asking tension-filled questions, you just gently stepped in with "thank you, Ms Ensler, next question please."

Well, you blew them away with your candidness. I don't think they expected that.

The Singapore telephone press conference was actually the most stressful. The one in Buenos Aires was next to that. The newspaper there refused to run anything that said vagina, but then the day after the press conference, the paper ran a full-page ad with the title intact! But even for V-Day, in the beginning, no sponsors wanted to come in. You'll be surprised how frightened they are of the word vagina.

The part you did at the end of the V-day show was very moving. Can you tell us about it?

At the end of the V-Day Vagina Monologues concert, I asked women who had been raped or battered to stand. A third of the 18,000 crowd stood.

Yes, I remember that. I cried when I saw Oprah. She was the first to stand.

Then I asked who among the crowd knew any woman or young girl who had been raped or battered. And another two-thirds stood. At the end, nearly everyone was standing. That's how much violence is happening to women everywhere.

I remember sobbing so hard at that point. You just don't get an idea of it till you see the sheer number of women.

I have this really special story. When I asked the first question about women who had been battered or raped, Oprah stood. Then, Rosie Perez stood. Days after the show, Rosie Perez told me that Oprah had sent her a little diamond cross, for her courage in standing up in front of thousands of people, and sharing something so personal and painful in her life.

Daza's handheld camerawork a plus factor in 'La Vida Rosa'

BY RICA AREVALO

WATCHING Chito Roño's "La Vida Rosa," one is easily captivated by the visual look of the film. Images are gritty, fast-paced and handheld. Cinematographer Neil Daza, who earlier worked with Roño in "Laro sa Baga" and "Spirit Warriors," was instrumental in convincing the talented director to use handheld shots throughout the film.

Underworld character

"I was inspired by the script. I fell in love with the character of Rosa. There was an element of film noir. I wanted the film to have a gritty and edgy look, so we used a lot of handheld shots," explains Daza.

The camera is free to move and can easily catch the "moment" of every scene. It makes a lot of difference when the camera moves in closer. Acting is more natural as evident in the roles of Rosanna Roces and Jiro Manio. Once you get familiar with the handheld look, it becomes the "reality" of the movie.

Daza has good words for his director. "Direk Chito set the trend and mood of the movie. My role was to translate his vision. He challenges you to do your best. He is a demanding director. He always pushes you."

"But he is open to ideas, that is the reason why I like working with him. He gives you freedom. He collaborates and makes you part of the process of creation. He has a visual eye and he uses his technical knowledge well to tell a story."

Body mount

Star Cinema devised a body mount for the camera, making Daza look like Robocop. He shares, "The stars were a bit amused with the way I shot them. They always saw a tripod in their past films so when they saw me wearing a body mount, it looked weird to them."

The challenge was how to shoot the whole movie handheld without getting exhausted by the end of the day, and he passed it with flying colors.

Daza is one of the movers in the task

Touched

I was so touched by that story. Rosie said it was Oprah's way of telling her she knew what it felt, that she would always be there for her in spirit any time she needed her, and that she would never be alone. I realized then the importance of a community of women, of being able to share with others, of fighting this together.

Do you have any future plans for "Vagina Monologues" and V-Day?

I'm planning an Asian tour soon. You'll be coming to the Philippines? We've been inviting you for so long! We have a very dynamic women's movement there!

Yes, I will definitely be coming to the Philippines. You better be there! I most definitely will! Any other projects?

I've been thinking of getting V-Day involved in the 2nd International Women's Conference in 2004 (10 years after the Beijing conference on women) and also at the UN Summit in Russia in 2005.

Monologue on rape

Like how V-Day was involved at the Tokyo Tribunal for War Crimes Against Women last year, which I really want to thank you so much for. I can't tell you how much it meant to me and to all of us at V-Day for you to go there and represent us by doing the Bosnia monologue on rape at such an important and life-changing event for women.

I want to thank you and V-Day for inviting me to go to Tokyo. I felt so nervous at first, but the trip really changed me inside. It gave me so much more purpose as an artist and woman.

Yes, that's exactly why we can't stop! I hope, during the UN Summit in Russia, we can bring an international cast for the play—with women saying lines of the text in their own languages. You'll come and do the Filipino translations of the text, won't you?

I would love to! In fact, we're performing "Vagina Monologues" in Filipino.

(Note: Since then, Eve has given us permission to bring the play to Filipino communities around the world. A worldwide Filipino-English tour of the US, Canada and Europe is now being organized by the New Voice Company as part of V-Day Worldwide Initiative celebrations, commencing in November 2001 and running until May 2002.)

(The New Voice Company production of "The Vagina Monologues" will have a special one-weekend run at the Music Museum on Oct. 6. The show is directed by NVC associate director Andrew Vergara and stars stage, TV and film actresses Lara Fabregas, Tami Monsod and Lynn Sherman.)

NVC is also launching its V-Day Regional and College Initiative Campaign, where schools and communities can produce the play in their areas to raise funds for their local beneficiaries.

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Prayers, Posters and Pals

How can we, as Filipino kids, help the current international situation get better? What can we do in our schools and communities? The JI correspondents are back with interesting answers from Metro Manila's Grade School campuses

BY STANLY GALO C. SY OF XAVIER SCHOOL; MA. MONICA C. LUALHATI OF ST. BENEDICT COLLEGE; MARIELLE S. DELA CRUZ OF UP INTEGRATED SCHOOL; ALEXIS M. DY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY; JOJI KLARISSE L. MENDOZA OF UP INTEGRATED SCHOOL; AND ANNA ELVIRA S. ARCELLANA OF MIRIAM COLLEGE

"I will make posters and campaigns to promote peace in the world. I will start a fund drive for those who need help."

—**Kurt Lyndon Tanyu**, 11, Xavier School

"I think we should help other children be aware of what is going on in the world and the effect it has on our country. Children like

me can write to President George W. Bush and other world leaders and express our views on what they should do about the international situation today. Only when all sides are understood can we have true peace.

—**Joy Alameda**, 12, UP Integrated School

"I think praying is one of the best things that we can do right now because God listens to our prayers and most likely He will answer them. I would tell my classmates what has

happened so that they'd know what's happening right now."

—**Kevin Thomas**, 11, Xavier School

"We must at least offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory be every night for every country, nation and region for their culture, economy, government and of course their safety. The schools and communities must do the same too."

—**Albert Cesar Pereña**, 10, St. Benedict College

"We can give help by holding vigils and giving donations and praying that we will not go into war. We can post in our classrooms what we think about America's rage."

—**Eunice Beatrice Braga**, 10, St. Benedict College

"Let us pray for those who died and pray so that we may have peace in the world. As

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WORLD SCOPE

William Goes to College

BRITAIN'S Prince William (left) accompanied by his father Prince Charles arrive at The University of St. Andrews where he will take an Art History degree course. The Art History course, which takes four years to complete, started late last month. **AP**



St. Andrews, Scotland

Lemon Aid for Life

STANDING with their sign in the front yard of a neighbor's house, Joshua Klaehn, 5, (left) and his brother Aaron, 3, call passing motorists to stop and buy a glass of lemonade for a dollar during a fund-raiser in Ohio. The brothers wanted to help victims of the terrorist attacks in New York and the Pentagon. Wanting to do something to help, the students from the town's three elementary schools came up with the idea of a weekend lemonade sale and called it "Lemon-Aid for Life". **AP**



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Rivals No More

FORMER US Sen. Bob Dole speaks as former US President Bill Clinton watches in Washington. Clinton and Dole, one-time political adversaries, are teaming up to help raise \$100 million in scholarships for the children and spouses of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. **AP**



Top Violinist Dies

MASTER violinist Isaac Stern, shown in this undated file photo, died on Sept. 22. Stern, a tireless artist and humanitarian not only excelled in his craft but was also involved in many causes. He saved the Carnegie Hall music from the wrecking ball in the '70s. Stern was 81 years old when he passed away. **AP**





Any news from YOUR SCHOOL?

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My Kapitbahay Experience

See what happens when class from one school invites a class from a neighboring school over for the day

BY ANNA ELVIRA S. ARCELLANA
JI CORRESPONDENT
MIRIAM COLLEGE GRADE SCHOOL

I FIDDLERD nervously with the handle of my bag and looked around the classroom. My classmates were making last-minute preparations for the most fun and most meaningful class activity ever: the *Kapitbahay* experience. It's when Miriam students get to entertain other students from our neighboring or *kapitbahay* schools.

All the sections from Grades 3 to 7 experience teaching younger children and doing entertaining things with them at least once or twice every year. Last month, it was my section's turn, 7-Ifugao, to enjoy the so-called *Kapitbahay* experience."

Shy

I noticed that our guests were shy at first. They were just talking amongst themselves. But after every one was assigned groups and partners, our guests became more comfortable with us.

Our class president Katrina Guarin did a little speech to open the program. She talked about our section's mission for the day: to share what we know about recycling.

Then came my favorite part of the program, the so-called senatorial skit. I was part of it and it showed senators trying to teach children how to recycle and care for the environment.

We played some games after that: a getting-to-know-you game that involved a bedsheet and charades. Then dancers from each class did a number.

Serious Stuff

Then came the most serious and the most educational part of the day. Some of my classmates discussed how to make cans into super-attractive pencil holders. They also taught everyone how to make papier mâché jars and paper bags out of newspapers or old gift wrappers.

We heard "wows" from the audience when the group showed their finished products. Then came the time for our guests to apply what they learned in a recycling contest. In only 15 minutes, they were asked to use their creativity

in making attractive pencil holders and paper bags. We provided the materials and assisted them in this project. We shared food with them while our teacher examined their works and chose the winners.

Before we knew it, it was time to wrap things up. We started cleaning the classroom and putting things back in order. As we bid them goodbye, I felt good inside. We had just given them a treat and made them special. It feels good to sacrifice little things such as my Saturday morning. Doesn't it feel great to spend your Saturdays reaching out from time to time?



Activities

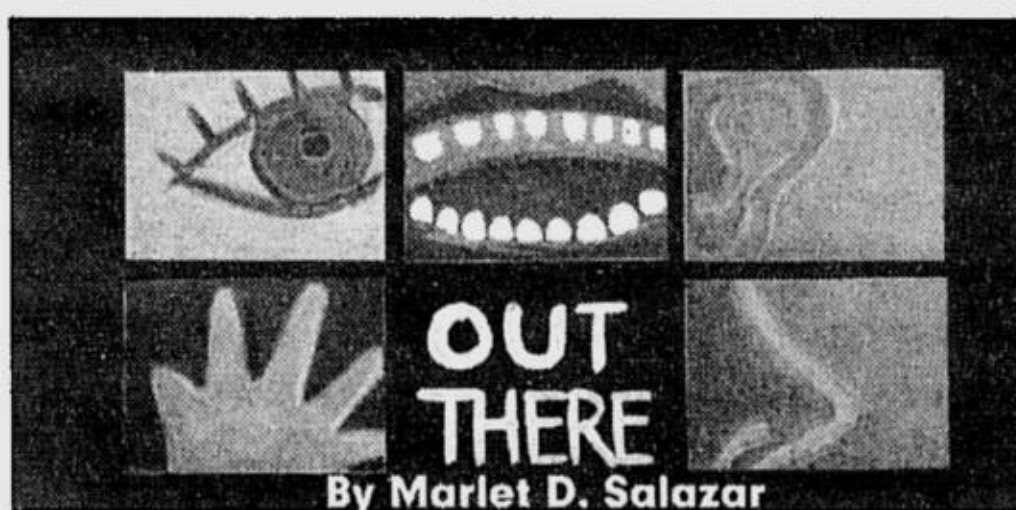
ANIMAL BLESSING. If you're a pet lover, don't miss this! In celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Philippine Animal Welfare Society has cooked up a real special activity for our pets. There will be a Mass tomorrow, at the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Broadway Centrum, New Manila, Quezon City, at 12 noon; and another one at the Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan, at 3 p.m. Bring your pets to any of the churches and have them blessed by a priest. Don't forget to put your pets in carriers or cages, or put on their leashes. If your pets can't attend you can just bring their pictures. See you all there!



SCIENCE CLUB. The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs invites all elementary and high school students to join the science club movement. Call them up at 920-9561 and 920-8174 or write to 317 C. David's Place, Katipunan Ave., Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Check out their website www.psyc.org. Deadline's on Oct. 31.

Contests

STORY WRITING CONTEST. The RCBC Kuwentong Kalikasan, Katha ng Kabataan is now accepting entries for its nationwide short story writing contest on environmental conservation. It's open to all elementary students. Submit one story written in English or Filipino with an entry form, which you can get from all Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. branches, schools and offices of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports offices. Grand



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prize winners will each receive a P30,000 cash prize, a trophy and a scholarship package worth P25,000 from Pacific Plans and Grepalife. Winning schools will receive P20,000 while English or Filipino teachers will receive P5,000. Deadline of submission of entries is on Nov. 16. For more info, call 894-9479, 878-3344, or 894-9000 local 2711 and 2730.

Workshops

SCIENCE CAMP. Check out the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs' 6th National Children's Science Interactive Workshop. It will be held on Oct. 23-27 at Leyte Park Resort, Tacloban, Leyte. This year's theme is "The Earth: 75% Water, 100% Life!" This five-day science camp to be attended by 500 elementary students will showcase workshops, hands-on experimentation, games and other fun-filled activities designed to promote deeper appreciation for water ecosystems among elementary students. This activity will also include exposure trips on the historic and scenic spots of Leyte. For more info call up PSYSC at 920-8174 or 920-9561.

Hangout

BUTTERFLIES AT THE MALL! Now you can witness first-hand how a caterpillar can turn into a beautiful butterfly in Starland's Butterfly House and Museum. It has over 20 local butterfly species in its natural habitat. The museum also features a butterfly memorabilia and film documentary for kids to enjoy. Located at Metropolis Star, Alabang, Starland's Butterfly House and Museum offers special rates for school field trips. For more information call up 850-4283 and 850-4258.

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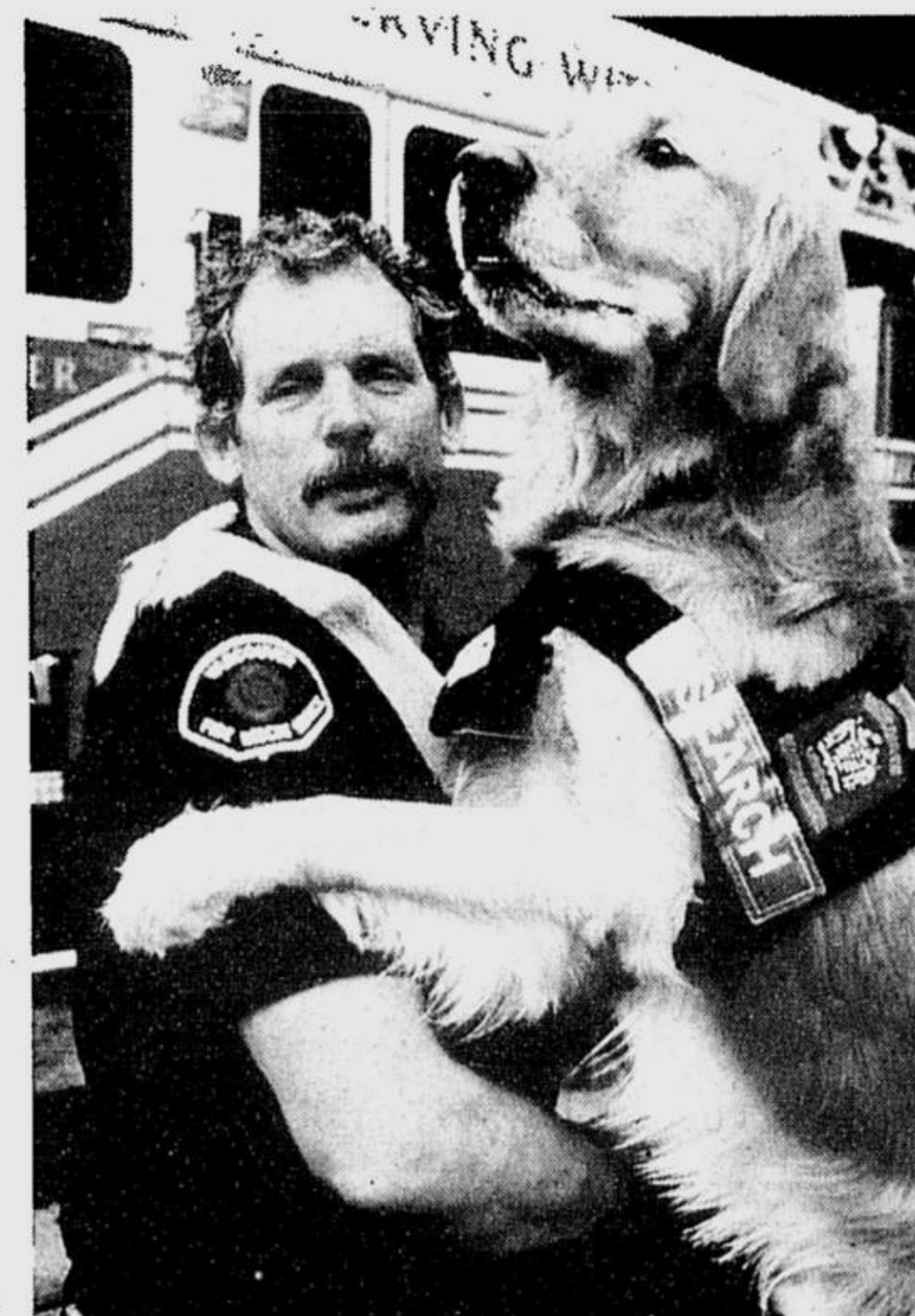
FLORANTE AT LAURA. Watch the immortal love story of Francisco Balagtas at the

Gantimpala Theater's staging of "Florante at Laura." Check out the show's schedules: today and tomorrow AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo; Oct. 19-20, RFC Theater/Cinema, Las Piñas; and at the JCS Auditorium, Oct. 26-28, Pedro Gil Street, Manila. Directed by Jake de Asis, Rene Villanueva's adaptation stars Jojit Lorenzo and Arkin Da Silva as Florante and Adrian Agacaoili as Laura. For ticket reservation call up 899-5754, 897-1533.

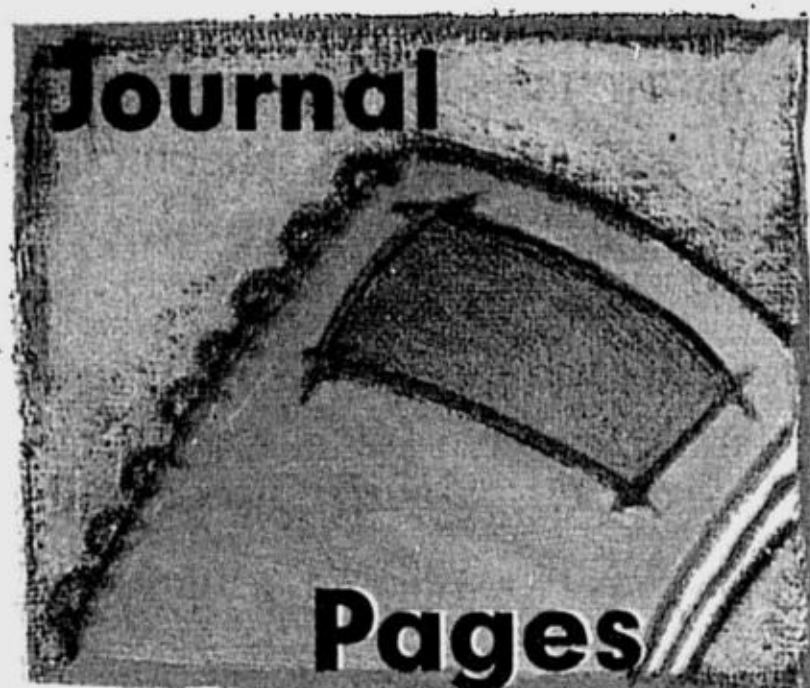
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TOM & JERRY. These two lovable characters will take center stage this month on Cartoon Network. Jerry is the cheeky mouse that seems to constantly evade Tom, his relentless feline pursuer. Catch them every Sunday at 9 a.m. on Cartoon Network.

DOGS WITH JOBS. We've seen lots of our canine friends helping and working. This month, National Geographic Channel once again features "Dogs with Jobs" every Thursdays at 9 p.m. Meet Tattie, a Border Collie who keeps a golf course clear of geese and knows never to interrupt a game on Oct. 11. Then there's Madison, a 6-month-old Lab puppy who has the best job in the canine world: he's a doggie-treat taste tester on Oct. 18. And on Oct. 25, meet Barkley, a lovable Golden Retriever who trains for search and rescue missions.



BARKLEY, the dog, shown here with team partner trains for the search and rescue missions.



My Example of Courage

BY JENNY DE GUZMAN
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ONE day, we talked about courage in our class in Christian Living Education.

"What is courage?" our teacher asked.

The whole class was quiet. Then our teacher called one of my classmates.

"What is courage for you?" she asked again.

"Being courageous is being a man," she answered.

"That is sometimes true," my teacher said.

"But the most important meaning of courage that you must remember is how one handles

and faces a problem."

Then she asked us to think of a good example of a courageous person.

I raised my hand and stood up. I spoke in a loud clear voice, "President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo."

My teacher asked me why I thought of her. I thought for a moment and recalled the things that have been happening in our country.

"After all the bad criticism against her," I said, "she still stood up for herself and did not mind all the disturbance and confusions around her."

GMA, for me is a courageous person. All of us should be proud of having a president like her. She is our President and she has courage and strength.

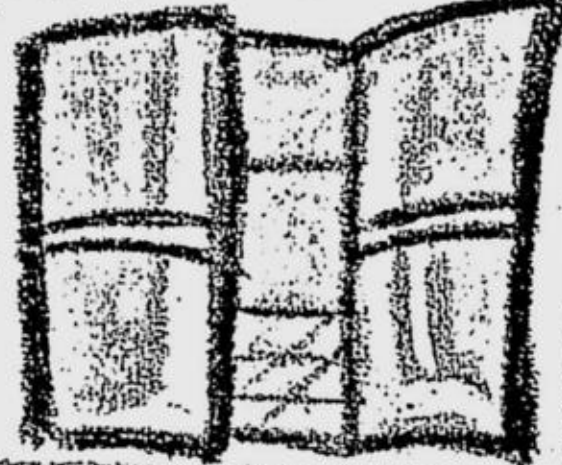
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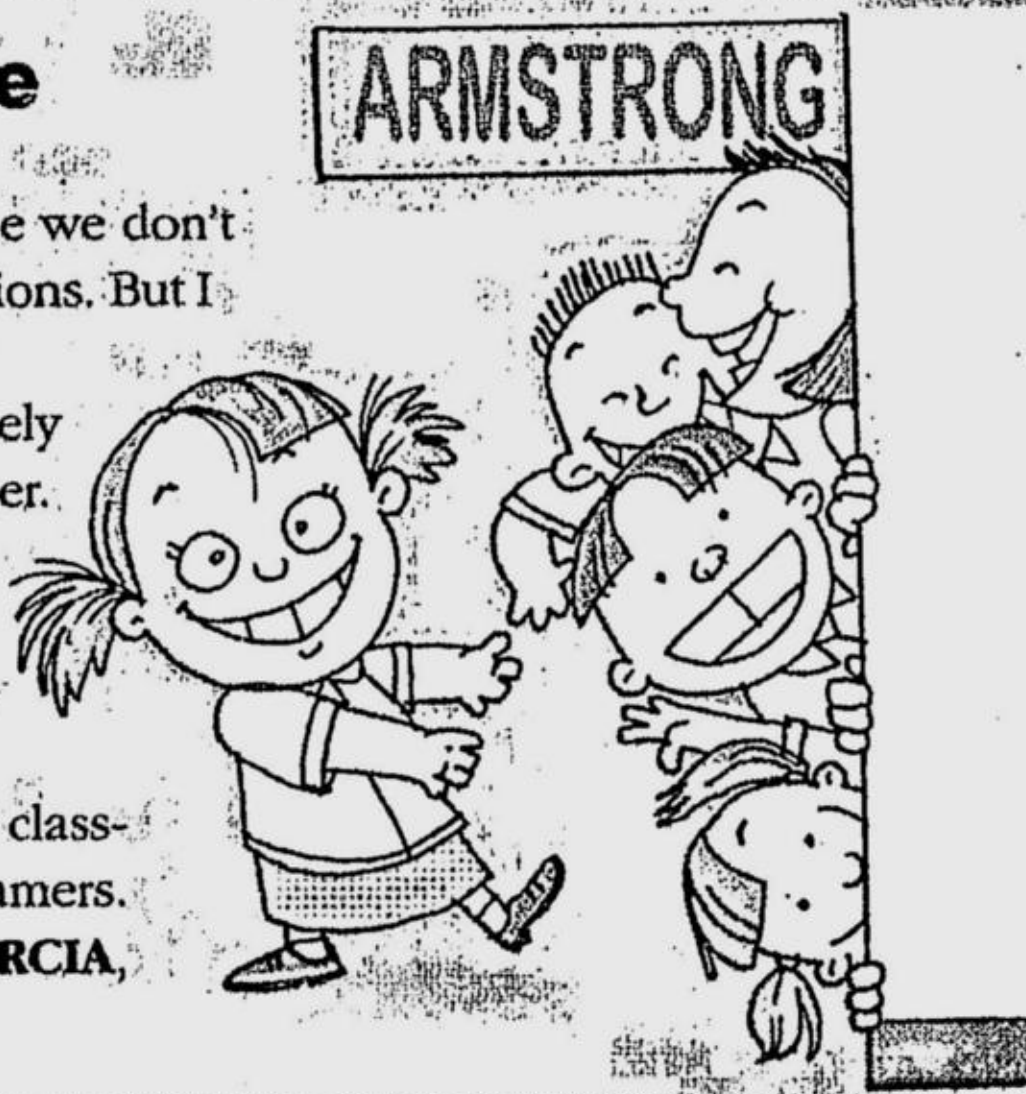


Armstrong, the Section I Love

MY section is the best one in our school. Well, maybe we don't have the best grades. There are also many brainy sections. But I think we're the best in bonding and love!

Our section, I-Armstrong is composed of 18 lovely girls and 17 adorable boys who all care about each other. Although most of us struggle to be in the top 10, we never do anything to bring anyone down. No crab mentality here. Who ever make it to the Top 10 can be pretty sure the rest will be happy for them.

I am really proud of my section and I love all my classmates. We have great dancers, singers, artists and dreamers. We're a very cool bunch.—JEMIMAH GRACE N. GARCIA, Manila Science High School



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The Boy who was

Niño was spending too much time in fr

STORY BY MARGARETH L. TAN
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NIÑO is 8 years old and he lives in a village. Every afternoon, after school, kids in his neighborhood would troop to a park right smack in the center of the village. On Saturdays, they would be cavorting there most of the day. But not Niño. He liked staying home and watching TV.

On weekdays, he would stay glued in front of the TV until his mother came in to remind him to do his homework.

On Saturdays, Niño would wake up early. But instead of running outside for a game of kickball, he'd sit right in front of the big flickering TV screen.

Niño's mother is worried about him. She'd hover around him saying what a beautiful day it was outside and wouldn't Niño want to come out and play?

But Niño would always answer, "Don't wanna."

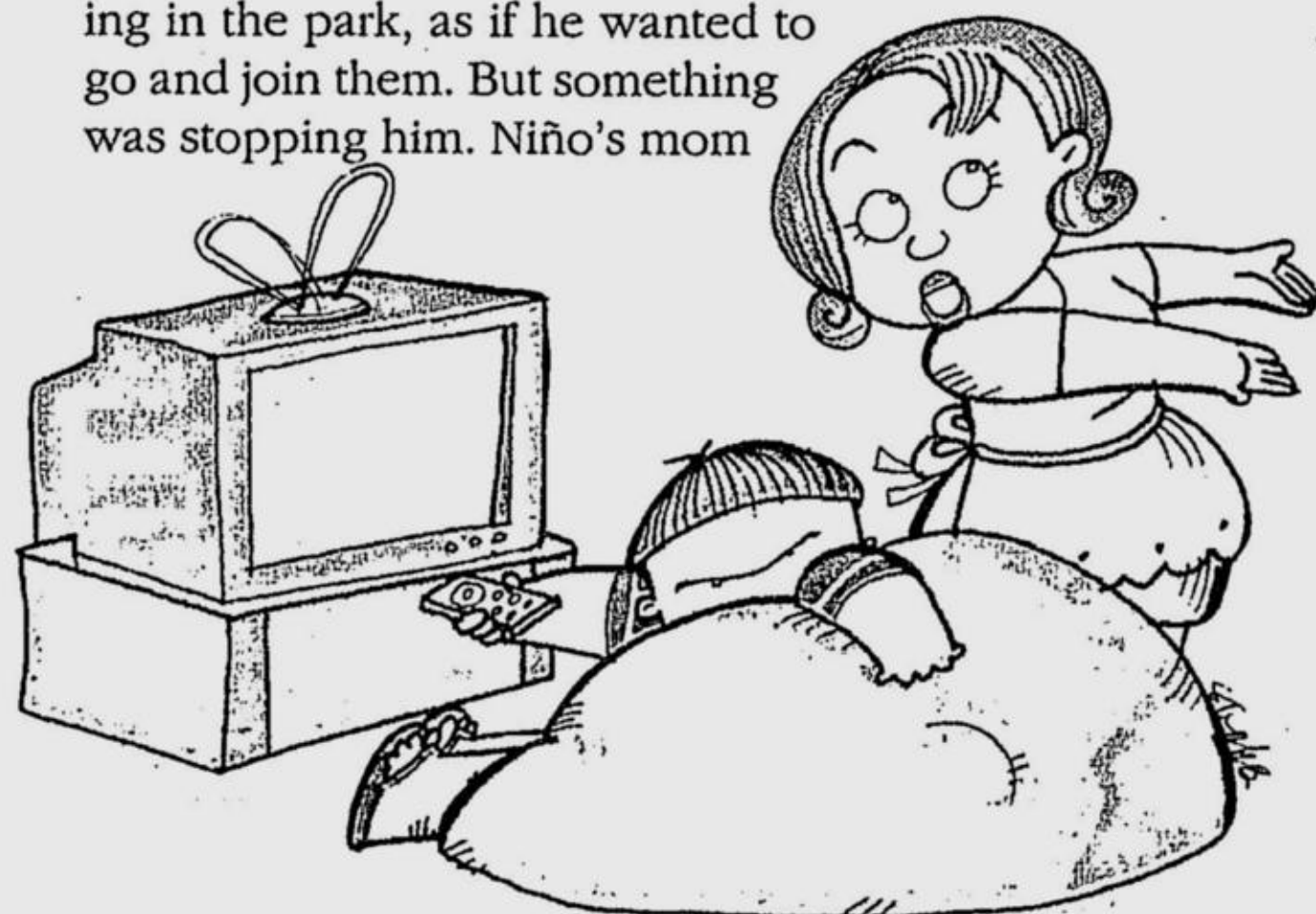
ONE day, Niño's mother decided to do something.

"Niño! You've been watching too much TV!" she said. "I want you to turn that thing off right now and go play outside so you can get some sun."

Niño had no choice but to follow his mom's orders. He turned off the TV and walked to the door, putting on his slippers ever so slowly.

Niño's mother watched him go out the door. She felt terrible for having to act that way. But she thought that maybe if her son got the chance to play with the other kids—even if he was forced to do so—he might realize how much fun it was and start doing it on his own.

Niño's mom walked to the kitchen window to watch her son go to the park. To her surprise, Niño just sat on the doorstep, scratching pictures on the ground with a stick. Then he would look up and watch the kids playing in the park, as if he wanted to go and join them. But something was stopping him. Niño's mom



**"Niño still couldn't
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couldn't figure it out. What was wrong?

The truth was, Niño was afraid to go outside. He was afraid the other kids might not play with him, and he was afraid of the neighborhood cats and dogs. The only thing Niño wasn't afraid of was watching TV.

So Niño just stayed where he was, sitting on the doorstep, until his mom called him in for an afternoon snack. Afterwards, she didn't force him to go outside. She just went back to watching TV.

BUT one Saturday morning, Niño was watching TV as usual when the screen suddenly went blank. He waited for channels two or three times, and even tried to change the channel, but nothing happened.

Nothing happened. Niño just sat there, staring at the blank screen, waiting for it to come alive again.

"Niño, there's a brownout," his mother said. "Meralco and they said the electricity will be out for at least three hours. That means no TV for you today. Don't you go play outside?"

"I don't wanna!"

"Are you sure?"

"Yeah."

"All right then. Suit yourself." And with that, his mother left the room.

Niño sat staring at the blank screen for

Afraid of Everything

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waiting for the cartoon to come on again. When nothing hap-
pened, he decided to go to the kitchen and keep his mother
company. But when he got to the kitchen, there was nobody
there.

Niño went to the dining room. Maybe mama was in there.
But she wasn't in the dining room.

Niño looked out the window to the garden. Perhaps mama
had decided to do some gardening since it was hot inside the
house. But there was no one in the garden either.

Niño went up to his parent's bedroom. The door was par-
tially closed.

"Mama?" Niño called and peered inside. "Mama! Are you in
here?" There was no reply.

Niño scratched his head and went into every room looking
and calling out for his mother. He even went back to his own
room, wondering if she had decided to clean up the mess he
made in there.

But his mama wasn't in his room and she wasn't in any
other room either.

Niño realized that he was all alone inside the house! Niño
was even more afraid of that than anything else—even going
out to the park!

Niño ran as fast as his legs could carry him down the
stairs and out of the house and straight toward the park. As
usual there were a lot of kids playing there: kids Niño rec-

ognized from school.

For a few seconds, Niño just stood at the edge of the park,
not sure what to do. He just looked at the other kids—some
playing in the sandbox, some playing tag, some playing ball,
and still some others playing at the monkey bars. They looked
like they were having a lot of fun, but Niño didn't know how
to join them.

He just stood there watching, when Peter, ones of Niño's
classmates, saw him.

"Hey Niño! Come and join us! We're playing *patintero* and
we need another member to make it even."

"Okay." And Niño went over and joined them.

WHAT fun Niño had that morning! After *patintero*, he and the
other kids played touch-*taya*, then *piko*, then dodge ball and
all sorts of games. They ran all over the park, chasing each
other, laughing, shouting, and Samuel, another classmate, brought
his pet dogs out so they could play with them. Niño forgot all
about watching TV and staying inside the house. Most impor-
tant of all, he forgot to be afraid—because there was abso-
lutely nothing to be afraid of.

Soon Niño went home to get his bike. He, Peter, Samuel and
some of the other boys were going to ride around the village.
Niño still couldn't find his mom but he was just having too much
fun to worry. Anyway, he knew his mom was already old
enough not to get lost in the village. She
probably just went to the store to buy some-
thing. Or went next door to visit a neighbor.

Sure enough, at one of the houses they
passed, Niño saw his mother chatting with
the other mothers. When she saw him,
she smiled and waved.

Niño stopped and waved back at his
mother. Then he rode off once more
with the other boys

HOW happy Niño's mom was
to see him finally playing with
the other kids. She was glad
her plan to get him out of the
house had worked and she
had to smile at her own secret.

Of course, Niño was still afraid of
the dark, and being left all alone in
the house. But then, he is only 8 years
old, after all! He'll grow out of it one
day.

Margareth graduated from the
University of the Philippines.

Steph is Junior Inquirer's staff artist.



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LITTEST PLAYER. Mark likes to join chess contests and clinics where he's almost always the youngest participant. Guess where he is in this photo.

Mark's Chess Dream

At 6 years old, Mark Anthony Tanamor is a chess player to reckon with

WHEN he's much, much older, Mark Anthony Tanamor wants to be a chess grandmaster. But at the rate he's going, maybe he doesn't even have to wait too long.

At 6 years old, (He turns 7 tomorrow. Happy Birthday, Mark!) he has already won four medals and is the Number 1 chess player in his school, Real Elementary School in Calamba City. He's also beaten competitors twice his age. Now if that isn't grandmaster



material, we don't know what is.

Mark's parents say his interest in chess started when he was only 4 years old. He could already play simple plays and knew the game's rules. Chess to Mark was simply child's play.

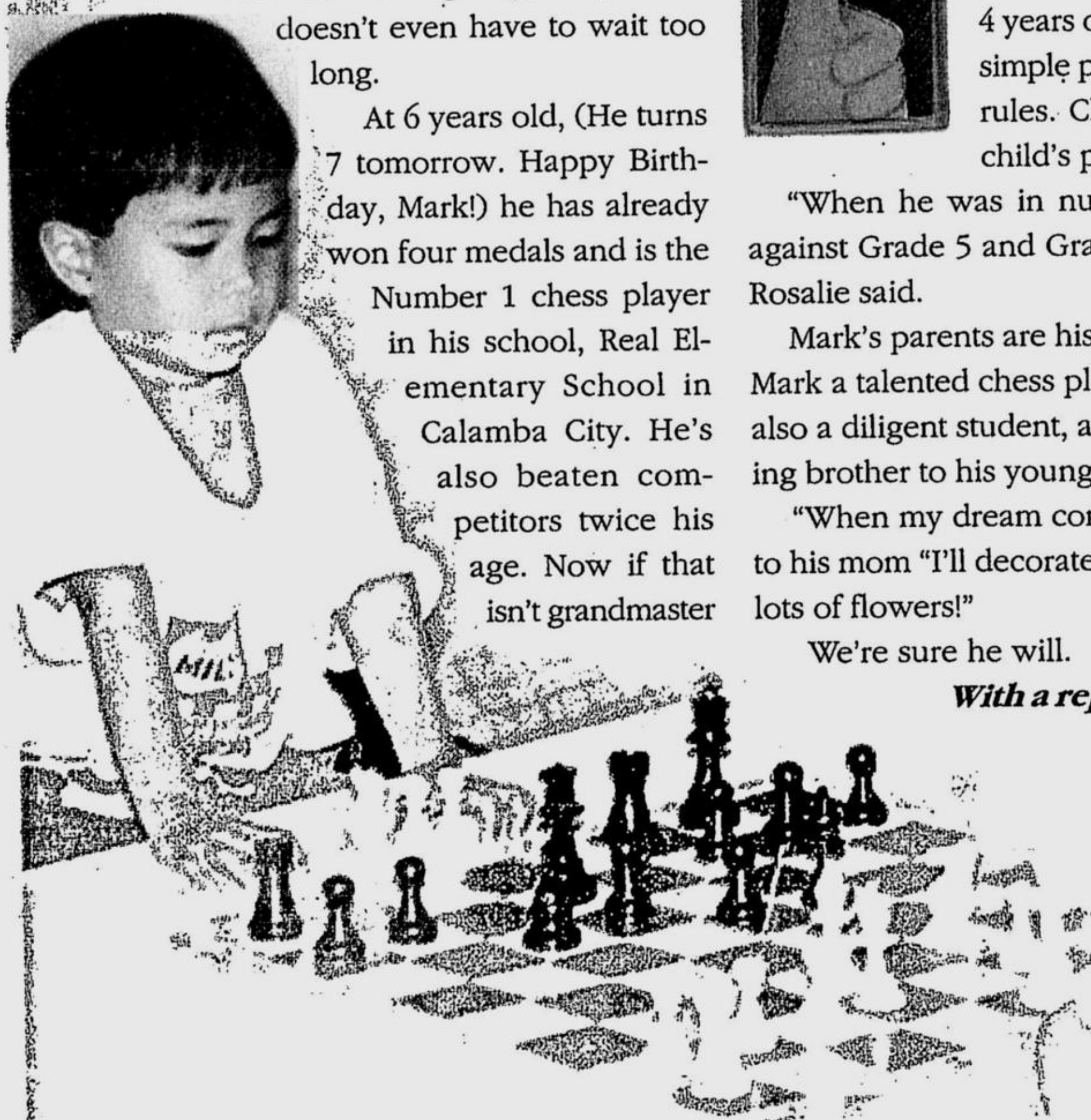
"When he was in nursery, he already played against Grade 5 and Grade 6 students," his mom, Rosalie said.

Mark's parents are his biggest fans. "Not only is Mark a talented chess player," his mom said, "he's also a diligent student, an obedient son and a loving brother to his younger sister, Mary Joy."

"When my dream comes true," Mark once said to his mom "I'll decorate Mary Joy's bedroom with lots of flowers!"

We're sure he will.

With a report by Carlos Alconaba



DOING A KRAMNIK? Mark's favorite chess player is new world champion Vladimir Kramnik who also started playing chess at the age of 4.

'Rrific kids are smart
'Rrific kids are fun
Some aren't in the honors list
But get their homework done

Somehow the world's
a better place
I know this much is true
Hey 'Rrific kid!
We know you're there
We love you 'cause you're you!

If you think you're 'Rrific' or know someone who is, fill out the nomination form below and send it to:

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Chosen nominees will be featured on this page and will get a free Junior Inquirer T-shirt!

Kids'r'rrific nomination form

I nominate: _____

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I think she's/he's 'Rrific because:
(Here's a tip! Write a detailed description of a good deed, project or accomplishment by your nominee.)

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The Girl and the Gameboard

Venessa Bergara does a "Hermione"

BY ANDREW CIE
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MEET one of the top Harry Potter fans in the Philippines! Venessa Bergara is a Grade 6 student at Paref Rosehill. She may seem like a regular kid to most. But like her favorite character Hermione Granger, Venessa is smart, clever and loves books so much she can finish reading a bunch over a weekend.

Venessa beat four other contestants in several rounds of the Harry Potter gameboard last month at Power books and won for herself a hard-bound set of the first four Harry Potter titles, a Harry Potter figurine and the Harry Potter Gameboard.

The Girl

Venessa saw the advertisement for the contest on a poster at a National Book Store in Quezon City. It took her eight days to read all

four books. That means it probably took her only two days to finish reading each book! The elimination started in July with 16 players. In each round, some players were eliminated. Venessa has been in 4 contests.

When she won the contest, she was really very excited.

The Game

The game starts by rolling the dice to see who goes first. Just like in Hogwarts, the players must pick from the "Sorting Hat" to see what "House" they belong to.

The houses are Gryffindor, Slytherin, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff. That is where the players have to go to win.

The Cards

There are three different cards that might help you or make you lose. There is the curse card which you get when you answer a trivia question and get it wrong. This card will have a paragraph and a curse.



VANESSA Bergara poses with her prizes.

Next there is the spell card, which sometimes help you. You get this by passing a certain space on the board. It works the same as the curse card.

Lastly, there is the charm card. You get these from answering trivia questions and getting the answers right. You will have to get six charm cards and then rush to your house that you picked earlier.

The Rooms

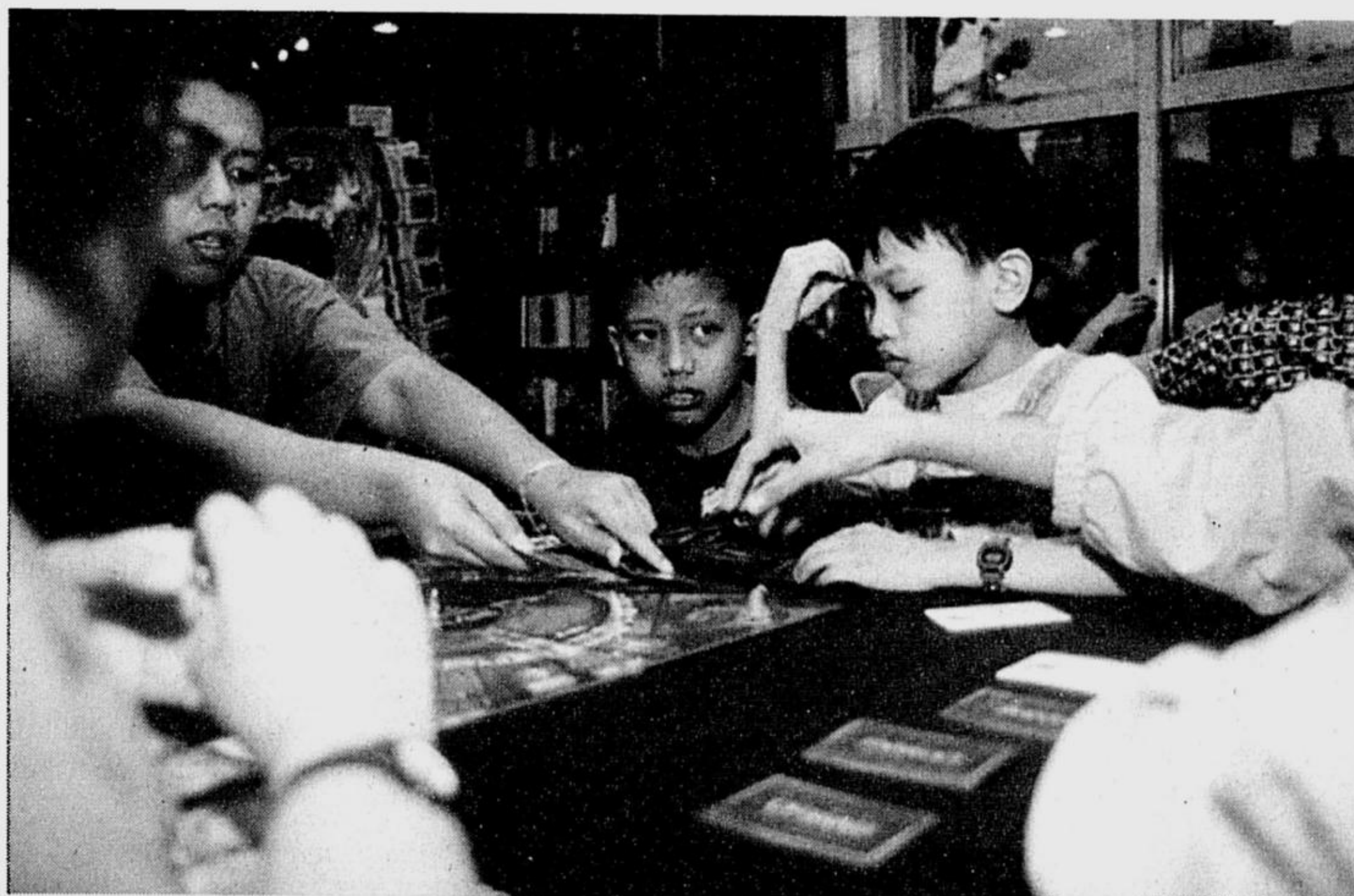
You have to land exactly on the door to get to the house common rooms. When you get to your house, announce this to the other players and answer one final question.

If your answer is correct, you win! The other players can keep playing to see who is second place.

There are four detention areas that you have to go to if a card tells you to. There are three ways to get out. The first is to roll a certain number. The second way to be free is to get a card that says you can get out. The last way is whenever it is your third turn you are automatically released.

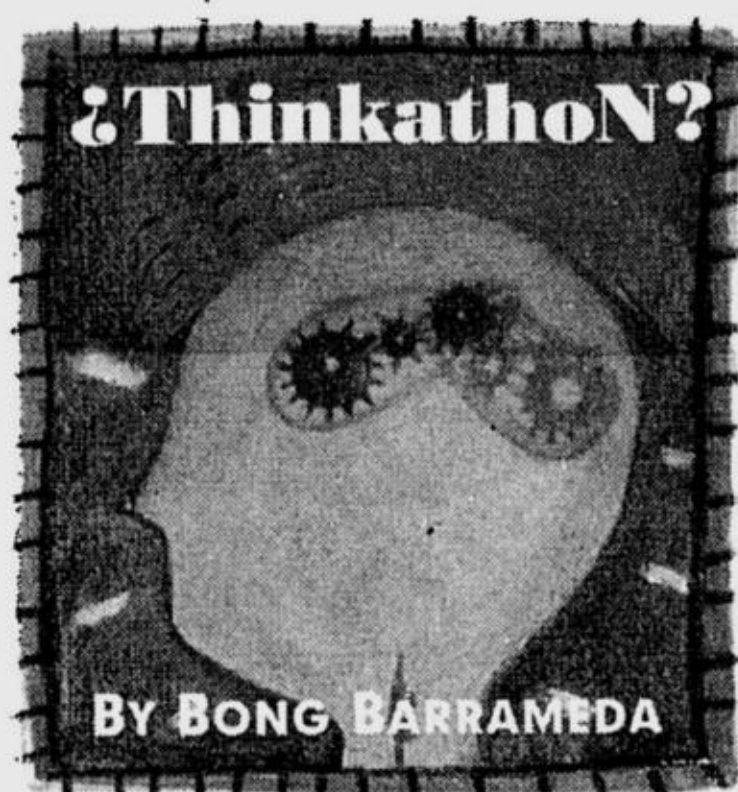
The game starts in the entrance hall in the middle of the board. The players go in a clockwise direction.

If you want to test your knowledge on Harry Potter, try the board game. You need to know all your charms and spells to win. Be careful for it is quite hard!



HMMM... Other Harry Potter trivia contestants concentrate on a game. Do we hear a chant? "Gameboard be mine. Gameboard be mine."

Photos by ROMY HOMILLADA



Petchay by Gulay Wow

YOU probably know how they look (and taste), but do you know how the local vegetables on the right column are called in English? Not an easy test to swallow, but still the proof of the learning is in the matching. Good hunting!

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Talong | A. Bitter melon |
| 2. Kangkong | B. String bean |
| 3. Okra | C. Sponge gourd |
| 4. Ampalaya | D. Ceylon spinach |
| 5. Petchay | E. Eggplant |
| 6. Labanos | F. Wax gourd |
| 7. Sitaw | G. Gumbo |
| 8. Upo | H. Bottle gourd |
| 9. Alukbati | I. White radish |
| 10. Kundol | J. Bok choy |
| 11. Kinchay | K. Jew mallow |
| 12. Patola | L. Swamp cabbage or Water spinach |
| 13. Sayote | M. Horse radish |
| 14. Saluyot | N. Chinese celery |
| 15. Malunggay | O. Mirliton pear |

Answers:

15.M	10.I	5.J
14.K	9.D	4.A
13.O	8.H	3.G
12.C	7.B	2.L
11.N	6.F	1.E

Ratings:



superbrain!

14 - 15



excellent!

11 - 13



good!

7 - 10

Prayers, Posters and Pals

(from page 1)

Filipino children, let us study well for a better future for us and our country."

—**Luningning Pedregosa**, 10, St. Benedict College

"As kids, let us do our best to be a true Filipino. Let us pray for all the victims of the terrorists in the US and for their families. Let us join in the prayer rallies in our parish, in our school and in our community for world peace."

—**Darwin N. Salcedo**, 11, Grade 5, St. Benedict College

"We can get all our friends together and we can pool our allowances together and donate the money to WTC victims."

—**Angela Mendoza**, 12, UP Integrated School

"We, as Filipino kids, should express our opinions about it and make more people aware that terrorism is not the solution to solve the problems of a few people. Terrorism just destroys the world... We should let the adults know that we are concerned about our future and the next generations."

—**Clarissa Camaya**, 12, UP Integrated School

"I think, as Filipino kids, we should let the grownups know what we think about this because, in about 20 to 30 years, we'll be ruling the world. If the grown-ups really care about what we say or think, they would all sit up and listen to us, the future leaders."

—**Florianne Jimenez**, 12, UP Integrated School

"I can help those people affected by being aware."

—**Charlene C.**, 11, Immaculate Conception Academy

"I can help those people who have been hurt by taking care of my family."

—**Regina G.**, 10, Immaculate Conception Academy

"If I were in the United States, I would donate blood. But since I am here, I will help by praying for them and their families."

—**Artha T.**, 11, Immaculate Conception Academy

"I will send a letter to President George Bush and I will tell him that I am a Filipino kid and I will give him an advice to his problems."

—**Patricia Medrano**, 11, UP Integrated School

THE LUNCH BOX

by Katrina B. Villa



WE'RE IN COSTUME BECAUSE HALLOWEEN IS COMING SOON! HERE'S A GREAT DECOR YOU CAN MAKE ESPECIALLY FOR THE HOLIDAY!

PAPER PLATE HALLOWEEN LANTERN

1. After trimming a paper plate to 7in. diameter, cut out a design like the one we did. Paste Japanese paper behind the plate to cover all the cut-out areas.



2. Make 2 1-inch slits opposite each other on one end of the cardboard tube. Insert the paper plate into the slits.

3. Position your lantern IN FRONT of a votive candle (a candle in a glass container that can withstand heat). Your lantern will cast an eerie glow from a window or tabletop!



NOY'S NOTEBOOK

Noy's Going on a Trip!



For the next 5 weeks, Noy will be travelling to different places round the world. Join him and win a prize from The Lunch Box! Using the photos and his notes as clues, list down all 5 countries he visits on a single sheet of paper, and mail your entry to:

The Lunch Box c/o the JI Editor, Philippine Daily Inquirer, PO Box 2353 MCPO, 1263 Makati City.

Don't forget to include your name, age and mailing address!

Noy at the start of his trip.

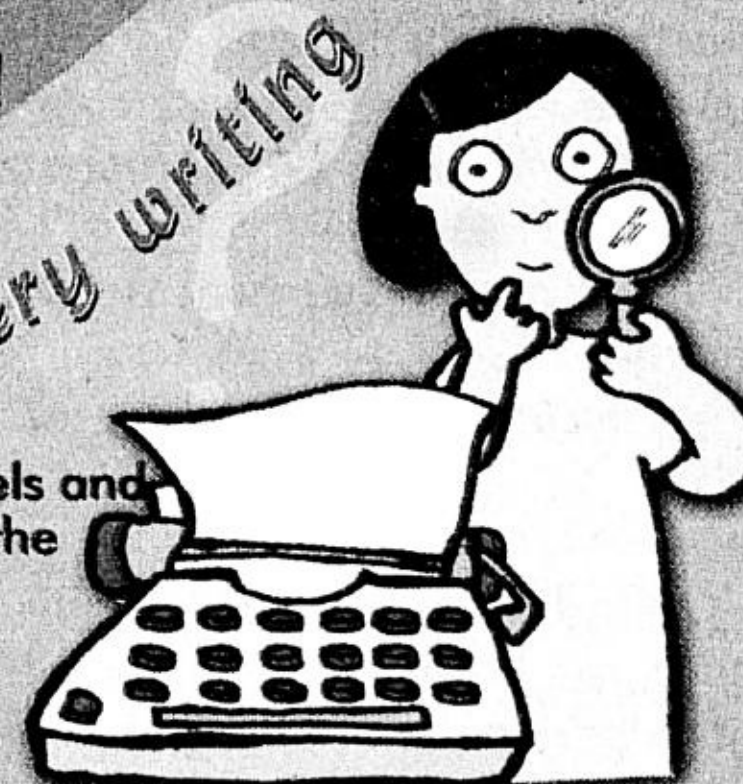


HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Lady Mallowan's mystery writing

Lady Mallowan wrote 110 crime mystery novels and is considered the best-selling woman writer in the world. She's more commonly known as...

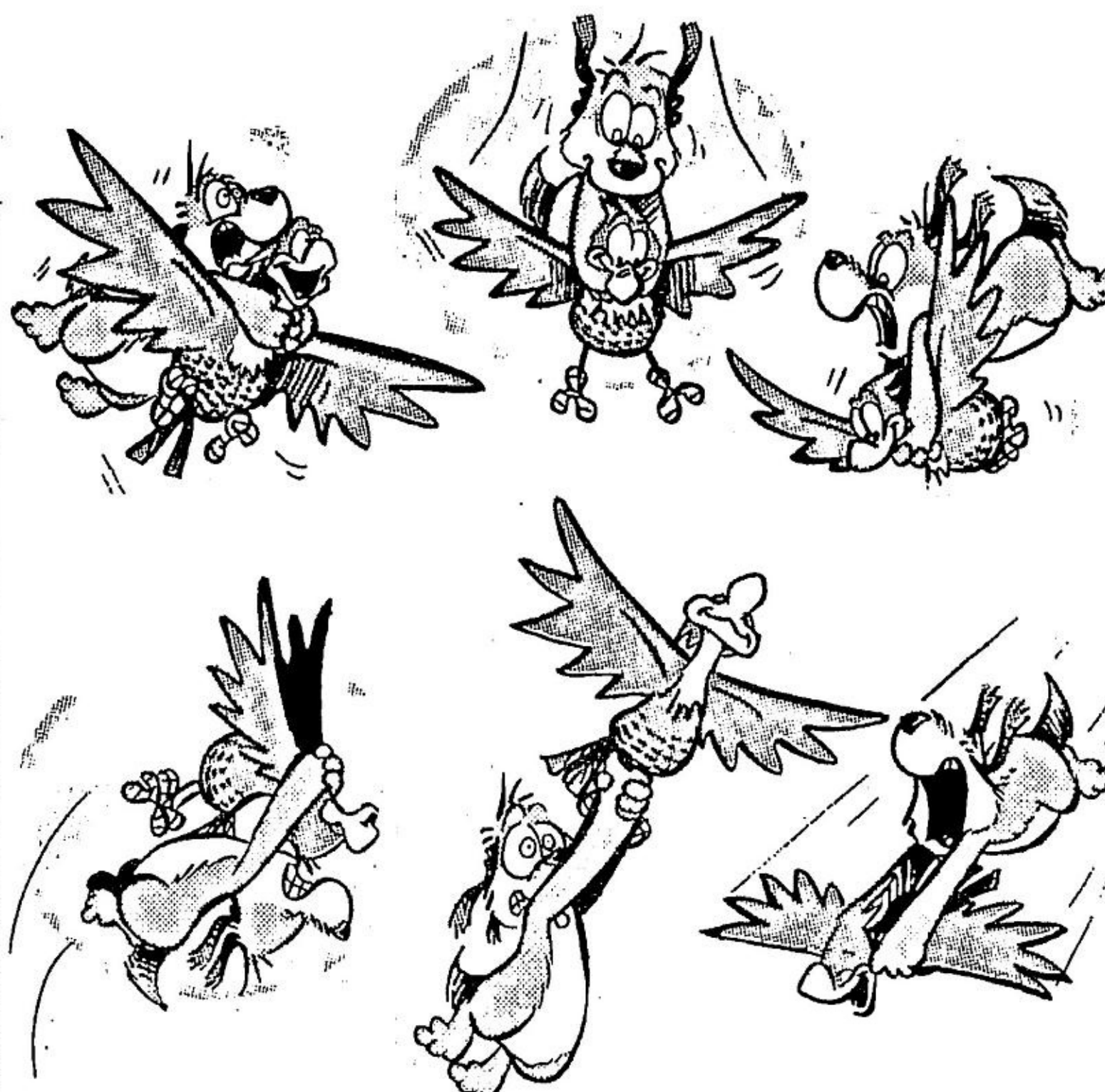
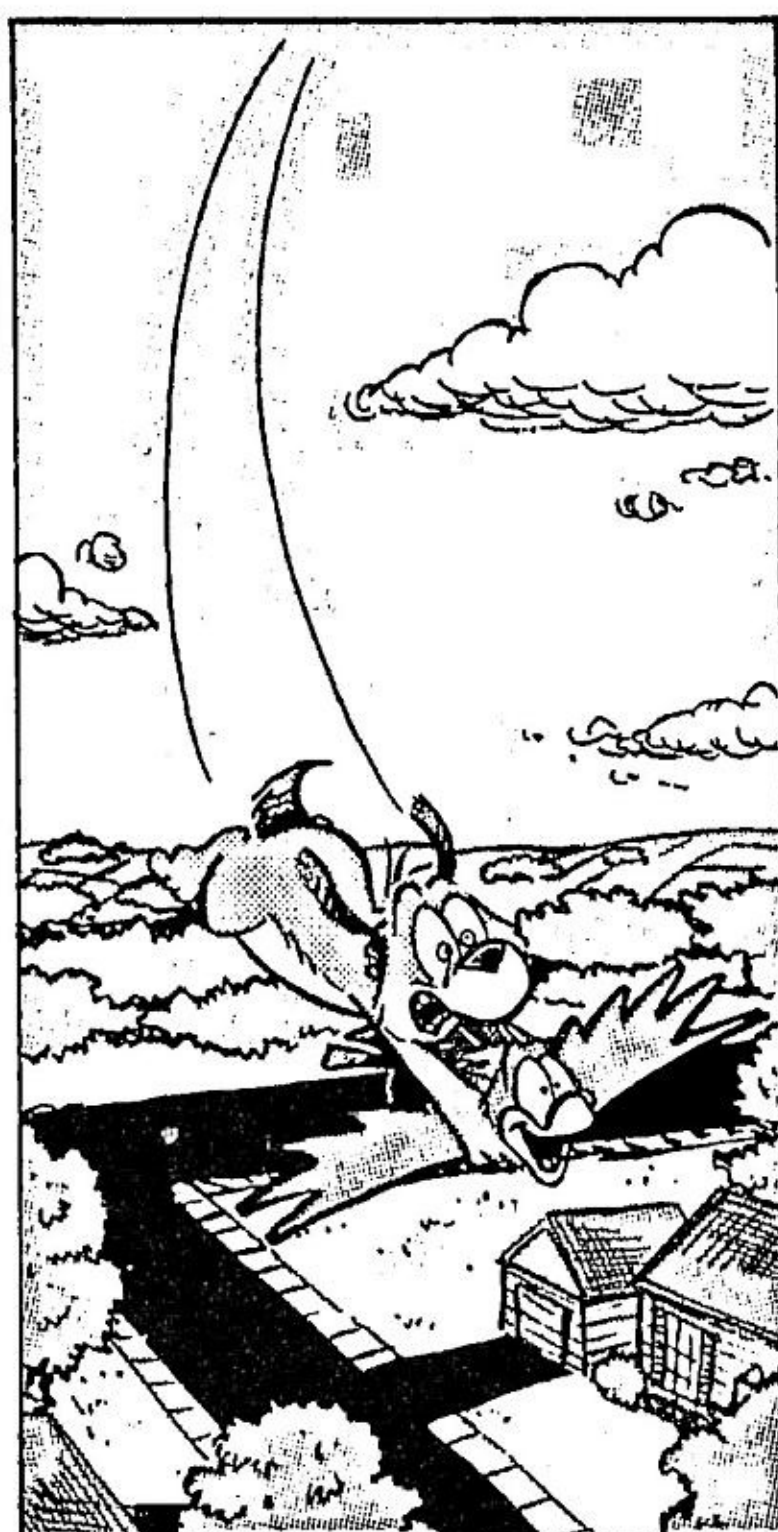
- ☐ Wilma Flintstone
- ☐ Agatha Christie
- ☐ Sherlock Holmes



ANSWER: Agatha Christie

BUCKLES

BY DAVID GILBERT



Prayers, Posters and Pals (from page 10)

"I will always watch television for some information. I won't talk to strangers."

—**Jhanna Molina**, 10, UP Integrated School

"We must not build tall buildings in the future anymore."

—**Alyssa Lerios**, 8, UP Integrated School

"I will try to keep involved or informed on rallies, movements, and other such things which has something to do with the previous crisis."

—**Mia de Villa**, 11, UP Integrated School

"I will not go out with people that I do not know."

—**Justin Paolo Vicente**, 9, UP Integrated School

"As kids, we can't really go to New York and help people in the sense of giving them donations and curing for the injured. But as Christians, we can pray to God to help them."

—**Jasmine Cruz**, 13, Miriam College Grade School

"Pray for peace. Express my longing for peace through literature or music."

—**Johanna Buenavente**, 13, Miriam College Grade School

"Well, of course, to start world peace, I can start it within myself first by avoiding fights, being a good counselor to my peers and of course praying that someday, all the people in the world will be united."

—**Halima Al-Taie**, 12, Miriam College Grade School

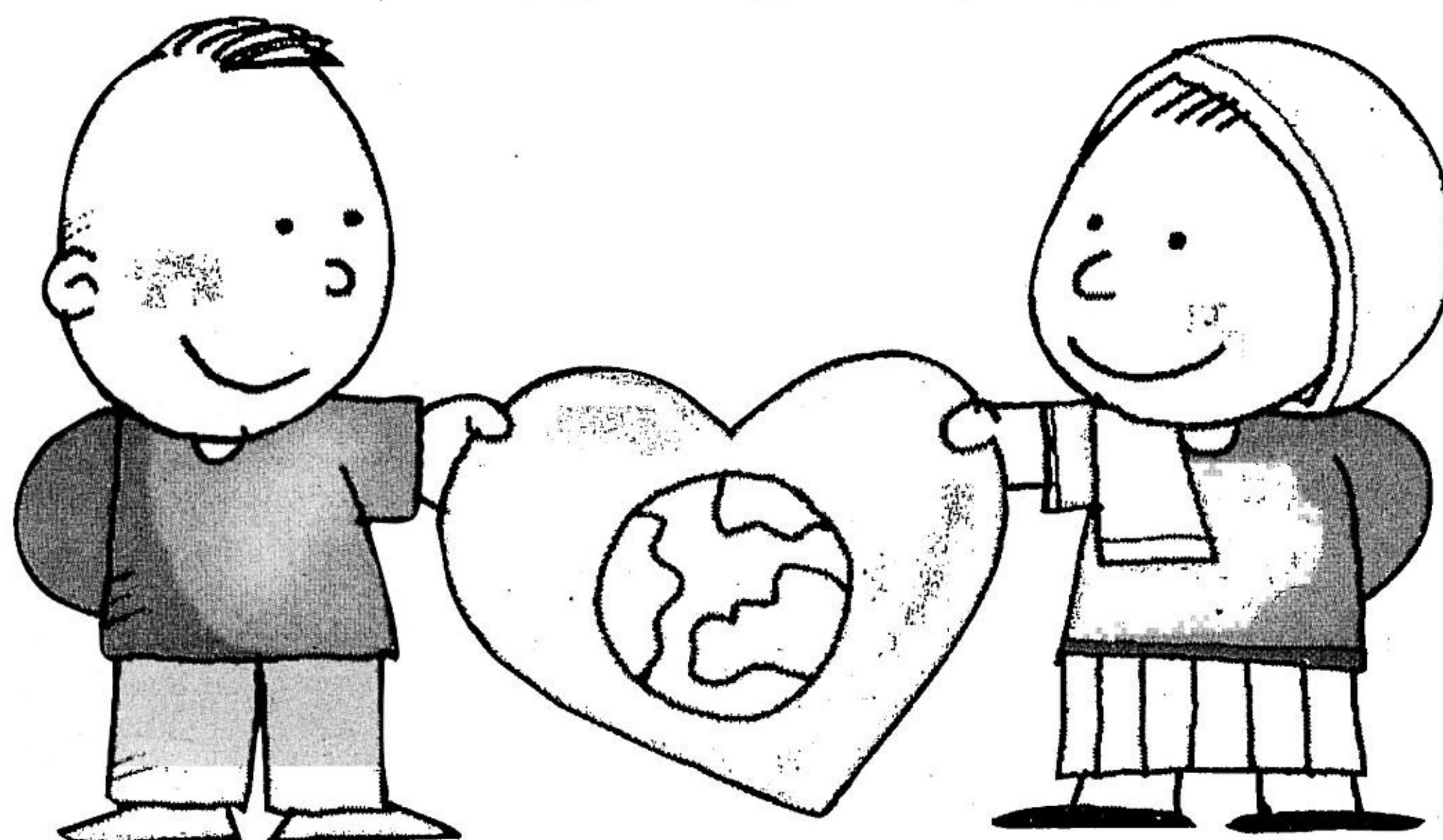
"I will become a peacemaker by promoting peace among those who fight."

—**Marine San Jose**, 9, Miriam College Grade School

"I will avoid fights. I will help instead of being a burden to others."

—**Melissa Muyot**, 10, Miriam College Grade School

"I will start from our home. If our



neighbors see that we have a peaceful home, they will follow our example. If this develops every day, we can have world peace."

—**Albany Peralta**, 11, Miriam College Grade School

"I will start peace in our home, school and community. Hopefully, when time comes, there will be peace throughout the world."

—**Patricia Lim**, 11, Miriam College Grade School

"I can promote world peace by being a good example to my brothers, sisters and friends."

—**Dianne Santiago**, 12, Miriam College Grade School

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